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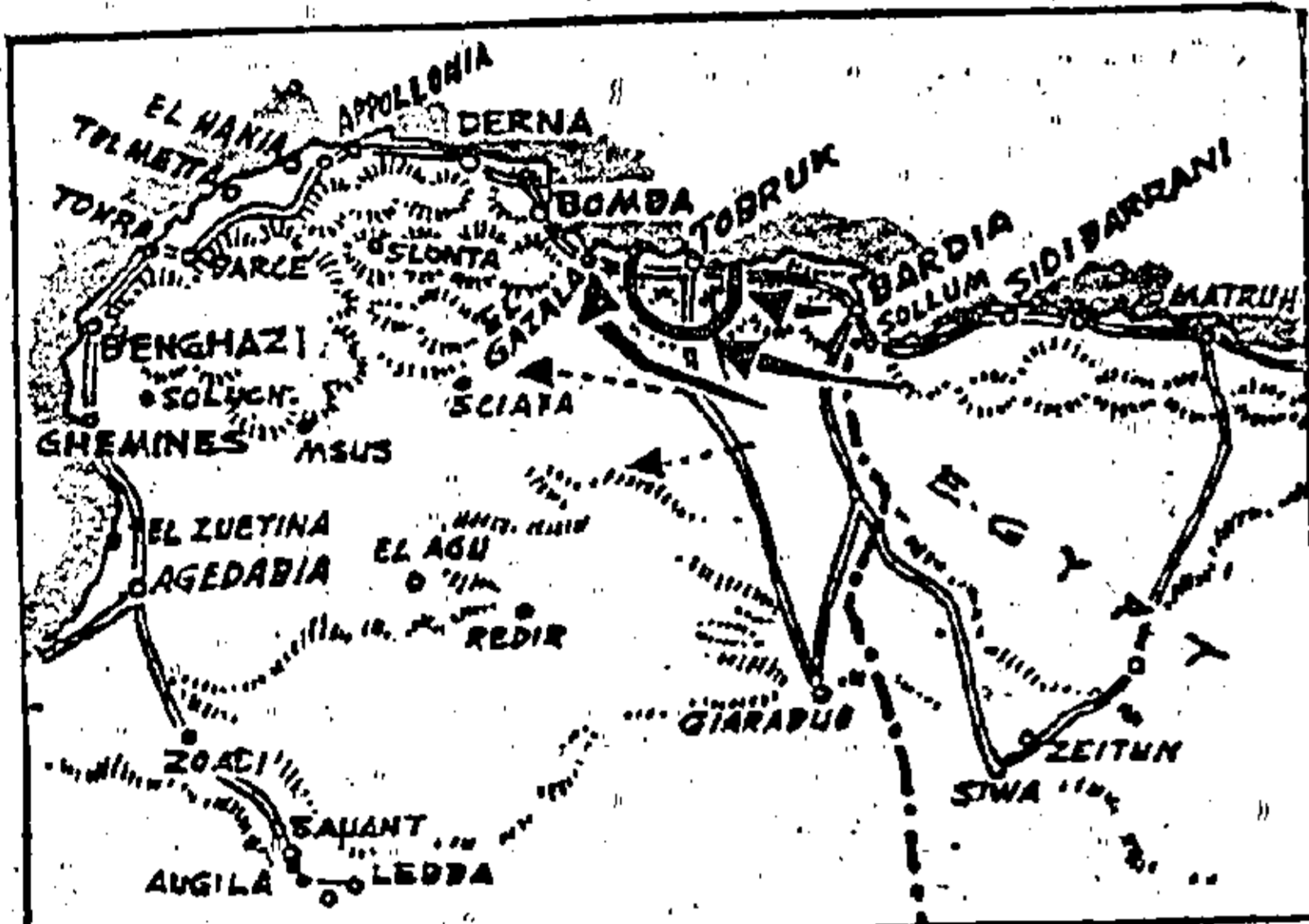
MUSSOLINI'S DISILLUSIONMENT AS CAESAR IN AFRICA NOW COMPLETE: CAPTURE OF BENGHAZI IS MOST BRILLIANT MILITARY EXPLOIT

SIGNOR MUSSOLINI'S DISILLUSIONMENT AS THE CAESAR IN AFRICA IS NOW COMPLETE.

This statement was contained in a London message last night which officially announced from Cairo that BENGHAZI, important Italian base on the Libyan coast, had fallen into British hands.

It is not yet two months since SIDI BARRANI fell and the rapid campaign, it is believed, will be regarded in the future as a classic example of the supreme value of sea power coupled with an ably led and fully equipped army.

GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD WAVELL, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, who has led the Army of the Nile in the Libyan campaign since it began from MERSA MATRUH on December 9 is now spoken of, in Egypt, as "Wavell the wizard."



General Wavell's Army of the Nile's advance into Libya from Mersa Matruh began on Dec. 9. Since then, the Army, composed of British, Australian, Indian and New Zealand troops, have taken Sidi Barrani, Sollum, Fort Capuzzo, Bardia, Tobruk (Jan. 22), Derna (Jan. 26), Agordat, Barentu and Benghazi (Feb. 7). Over 100,000 prisoners have been taken and vast supplies captured with only small casualties to the Imperial forces.

THE CAPTURE OF BENGHAZI IS THE MOST BRILLIANT EXPLOIT IN BRITISH MILITARY HISTORY.

In one week 160 miles were covered and the success reflects the greatest credit on the Staff who planned the operation and troops who carried it out. The attack was shared by land, sea and air forces.

The total of more than 100,000 prisoners captured since the Libyan campaign began is expected to be increased, states a London message.

The capture of Benghazi gives the British forces control of the whole of Cyrenaica.

Benghazi is an important Italian base on the Libyan coast 150 miles west of Derna and is a vital line of communication. Its capture is another shattering blow to the Fascist regime and is proof that the British striking force remains undiminished, and General Wavell's Army is capable of continuing its lightning advance.

GERMAN PROPHECY

The capture fulfilled the German prophecy of a few weeks ago that this great territory was likely to go out of Italian control.

In Cairo, news of the capture of Benghazi came like a thunderbolt and among Egyptians the phrase now is "Wavell is a wizard."

Benghazi has a population of 35,000 including numerous Italian settlers.

In Eritrea, the most lively theatre of war, the British forces are making two powerful thrusts which are bringing the Italians daily nearer to the Red Sea—one thrust is towards Kereme, a town on the main road and railway to Massawa.

In the second thrust the Italians are retreating from Barentu towards Tolle.

FORWARD PRESSURE

In Abyssinia there is continued forward pressure by British forces.

In Italian Somaliland the enemy have suffered very heavy casualties while our casualties have been notably few.

Italian colonists in many parts have warmly welcomed British troops of occupation, and many of the Italians have been eloquent in their detestations of Mussolini's humiliating war.

The R.A.F. were very active in the operations which led to the taking of Benghazi. At Benina aerodrome two hangars were destroyed, whilst motor transportation was seriously dislocated in consequence of raids. (Special)

IMPROVING HARBOUR

In recent years the Italians have spent more than £500,000 on improving the harbour.

If the Italians aspire to launch any counter-attack it must come now from Tripoli, 400 miles west, but this would entail almost insupportable lines of communication.

LAST STRONGHOLD

LONDON, Feb. 7. (Reuter)—Benghazi, Marshal Graziani's last stronghold and most important base in Cyrenaica, was captured by the British, it was officially announced this morning. No details are available.

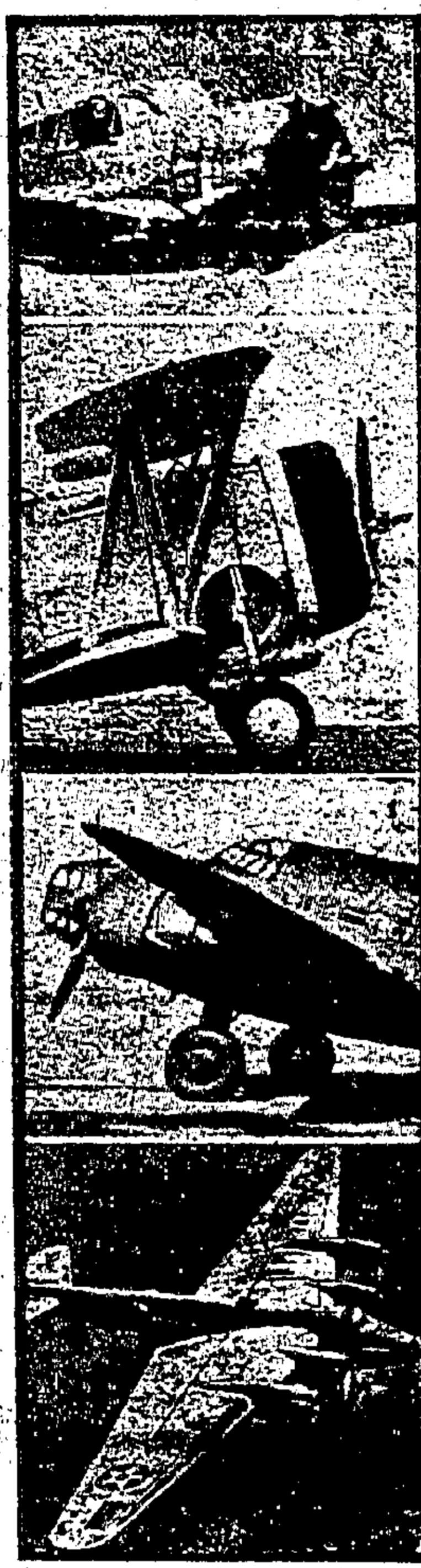
ROUNDING UP OF FIRST PHASE

"Benghazi is now in the hands of the British Imperial Forces. This quick advance is a magnificent achievement, rounding off the first phase at least of General Wavell's campaign, surely one of the biggest campaigns in British history," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, B. B. C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the latest international developments.

Mr. Lakin said that this latest success meant that practically the whole of Cyrenaica had now fallen to the British and the news had come as a surprise even to them.

"Speaking of surprises," said Mr. Lakin, "after the fall of Derna I seem to remember screams from the enemy that the British should not attach too much importance to the fall of Derna, because they had a big surprise for us."

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Some of the finest U.S. aeroplanes are to be sent to Great Britain. The Curtiss, Grumman and Lockheed fighters, of which types are shown in that order in this composite picture, will be included among these aircraft. At the foot is the well-known Flying Fortress bomber, which is also to be available.

WICKHAM STEED ASKS

What Will Hitler Do To Check Growing Impression He Is Not Winning War?

"A peculiar feature of this war is the way in which its political and military aspects seem to be bound together," said MR. WICKHAM STEED, the author-journalist and commentator on international events, when he broadcast from London yesterday in the weekly series, "World Affairs."

Mr. Steed said that the war of 1914-1918 was entirely different. From 1917 at any rate, the British Commander-in-Chief felt that the Western theatre of the war was all that really mattered because the main forces of the enemy were concentrated there. For instance, the fighting on the Italian front against the Austrians was treated as a side show.

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A HIGGLEDY-PIGGLEDY AFFAIR "Up to October 1917," said Mr. Steed, "when a strong Austro-German attack broke through the Italian lines, it was only with the greatest difficulty that General Haig could be induced to send help to the Italians."

"In comparison with the fighting of today, the last war was a higgledy-piggledy affair. As a matter of fact, the Allies could have attacked Germany from the east and west simultaneously. "It all comes back to one question—what will Hitler do to check the growing impression that he is not winning the war?"

"I don't say he is actually losing the war," said Mr. Steed, "but some of the bloom has gone off his spectacular triumphs of 1939 and 1940. The impression is spreading that he cannot secure more triumphs."

"This to him is a serious matter. It means that one end of his Cont'd Page 7, Col. 3

"I LOVE AMERICA" SAYS JAPAN'S NEW ENVOY TO U.S.

"I love America and I admire her people," said Admiral Nomura, new Japanese Ambassador to the United States at San Francisco yesterday, when he declared that he was confident that America and Japan should be able to settle their problems by diplomacy, according to a message from Sydney. (Special)

Franco-Thai Conference In Tokyo

TOKYO, Feb. 1. (Reuter)—Convened under Japanese auspices, the Franco-Thai conference for a settlement of the border dispute got under way at 4.03 p.m. in the Premier's residence.

Officially as mediator, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuo, in an opening address, expressed the wish the French and Thai delegations would show the "perfect understanding and earnest spirit of co-operation" displayed by them at the Saigon armistice meeting late in January.

He added: "It is my firm belief the establishment of a sphere of common prosperity throughout Greater East Asia is not only the Japanese policy but is necessary."

INSPECT CONDITIONS

Major-General Sumita, Chief of the Japanese military mission to Indo-China, arrived in Siem-reap, Cambodia, yesterday in order to inspect conditions on the frontier following the conclusion of the armistice agreement between Thailand and Indo-China, according to semi-official Japanese reports.

KING AND QUEEN AT PORTSMOUTH

The King and Queen visited Portsmouth on Thursday and spent some time viewing the damage caused by Nazi raids, states a message from Saigon.

Their Majesties chatted with many people whose homes have been wrecked, and expressed pride in the stout-hearted way in which the people had borne the bombing. (Special)

MR. MENZIES ON

Australia's Contribution To War: Reinforcement Of Defence Of Commonwealth

A STATEMENT ON AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORT WAS MADE BY THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. R. G. MENZIES, who is at present in Palestine, en route for England, states a London message.

Mr. Menzies said he had been extremely delighted by what he had seen of Australian troops in Palestine.

He remarked that Australia's war contribution will be greater than anyone thought possible before the war started. Australian troops overseas would be reinforced and the Commonwealth would build up a force of 50,000 men for its own defence.

Australia was also tackling large scale manufacture of munitions, aeroplanes, artillery and small arms, and in many cases production was ahead of schedule.

The trebling of the Commonwealth's income tax and expenditure of £185,000,000 was evidence of Australia's confidence in success and willingness to pay whatever price was to be paid to achieve that success.

"We do not underestimate the difficulty of our enterprise but the British have coped with their difficulties in enterprises in their day," said Mr. Menzies.

Referring to his visit to Britain, Mr. Menzies said he was anxious to make it clear to the British people that Australia was on the job just as they were.

"Our cities have not been bombed. The bombing of Britain cannot succeed in winning the war as long as there is one Australian left to stand beside the people of Britain." (Special)

Germany has made new proposals to Bulgaria, to secure her inclusion in the Three-Power Pact, states a message from Saigon.

According to this message, as soon as Bulgaria accepts, German troops will march through to attack Greece. (Special)

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FATE OF FRENCH FLEET MATTER OF UTMOST CONCERN TO AMERICA

Occupied France May Be Forced To Secede

According to a message from Sydney, ADMIRAL LEAHY, U.S. Ambassador to Vichy, told MARSHAL PETAIN at their recent meeting, that the fate of the French Fleet was a matter of utmost concern to the United States.

A report published in the French paper L'OEUVRE, quoted in the message from Sydney, stated that it had been forecast in France that Germany would force occupied France to secede from the rest of France.

The MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, also quoted in the Sydney message, states that Herr Hitler is following his regular technique in the developments which are now taking place between Germany and France. He was trying to cajole Marshal Petain by turning on his press and radio to frighten him at one moment and to flatter him the next.

The Manchester Guardian pointed out that there was evidence of clumsiness in Herr Hitler's technique in warning France not to depend on a British victory. This showed that Marshal Petain was not without some power and Herr Hitler knew that France would be a serious opposition to him from outside the country. (Special)

LAVAL'S TERMS NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (Reuter)—M. Laval's terms to Marshal Petain are understood to be tantamount to an ultimatum. It is understood in Berlin according to Continued Page 12 Col. 4

140 German Night Bombers Shot Down

Since June last year over 140 German night bombers have been shot down in raids over Britain, according to Air Commodore Goddard, states a London message. Most of these fell to gunners and did not include those which had fallen into the sea.

Speaking of invasion, Air Commodore Goddard said that a good slogan would be "Danger is our opportunity" and, if invasion came, the R. A. F. would be sorry to have once again an opportunity of trouncing the enemy. (Special)

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Derby Sweep First Prize Probably \$477,120

According to the present rate of sales, ABOUT 40,000 TICKETS FEB. DAY, the mammoth special Dollar Cash Sweep on the Derby, to be run on Feb. 18, will break all local records. Up to 3 p.m. yesterday, over 600,000 tickets have been sold.

In an interview with a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday, Mr. C. B. Brown, Manager of the Hongkong Jockey Club, stated that there will be no limit on the number of chances sold in this sweep.

The reason why sales were stopped at 700,000 last year, said Mr. Brown, the inability of the Stamp Office to stamp the tickets in time.

Questioned as to whether it would be possible for the Jockey Club to divide the three major prizes into two or three units, Mr. Brown replied that that was impossible in the case of the present Sweep as the prizes are stated at the back of all tickets. Asked whether this suggestion could be adopted in future, Mr. Brown replied: "I don't know."

Should the predicted sale of 1,200,000 chances materialise, the first prize will be, approximately, \$477,120; second prize, \$138,320; third prize, \$68,160; whilst drawers of ponies, whether starters or not, will share \$170,400.

Today's News Summary

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PROSPECTS FOR ANNUAL RACING CARNIVAL AT HAPPY VALLEY DISCUSSED

Most Attention Centred On Rooty Hill Derby: Debut Of Mr. C. B. Moller

BY "LAST QUARTER"

PREPARATIONS HAVE LONG BEEN UNDER WAY FOR THE 1941 ANNUAL RACE MEETING AND THIS WEEK HAS SEEN THE FINISHING TOUCHES being put to the months of hard work on the part of trainers and jockeys, not to mention the Hongkong Jockey Club staff. While the ponies have been steadily doing their work on the track since November, the stands and precincts have come in for their share of attention, and when the first saddling bell is rung at 11 a.m. next Saturday, Feb. 15, the sight will be one of glistening paint and varnish, with a profusion of flowers on display and a well nigh perfect grass track.

Shanghai will not be as well represented as in former years, and, so far, only four visiting jockeys will be doing service. Messrs. C. B. Moller (brother of the redoubtable R.B. of Silkylight and Satinlight fame) and Francis Noodt, will be wearing the chocolate, gold braid and red sleeves of the "Cire" stable. The former will be making his debut in the Colony, but Mr. Noodt was a participant in the 1930 and 1932 Annual Meetings, when he met with some well remembered successes.

SPECIAL \$1 SWEEP SELLING WELL

In passing, I would mention that nearly 600,000 tickets have already been disposed of in the Special \$1 Sweep on the Rooty Hill Derby and it would not surprise me to hear later that the sweep has been closed with sales amounting to one million tickets or more.

Mr. M. M. Sokoloff, another old friend, will have charge of the S. W. Lee and Lee Bros. stables and will have his hands fairly full, as there are a large number of ponies entered from these two connections. Mr. H. Holden, a new-comer with a fair measure of successes up North, has been booked to look after the "Time" stable.

The Stewards have decided that children will not be admitted to the Club premises under any pretext whatsoever on race days, and therefore the usual "off-day" picnic promised by many a fond parent to their offsprings will have to be cancelled. The ruling is a very wise one and will undoubtedly relieve congestion not to mention minimising the danger of possible accidents due to fractious ponies, etc.

AUSTRALIAN SUBS.

Although the Derby which is confined to China pony griffins is called the Hongkong Derby and always regarded in the past as the blue Riband, the race that is attracting most attention at the moment is the Rooty Hill Derby for 1941 Australian Subscription ponies. One of the reasons for this is the Special \$1 Sweep referred to above and also the fact that there are as many as 66 entrants for this event.

From what I have seen of morning since early December, I make Endeavour and Vitamin M as the two best subs of the year. Both are undoubtedly first class ponies and have some outstanding gallops to their credit. Mr. Peter Wei will have charge of Endeavour, while Mr. Donald Black is the jockey nominated for Vitamin M. Of the two, I have a slight preference for Endeavour and believe he will be difficult to beat over middle and long distances.

United Express is the one that comes next in my opinion, since that fast 1.55 mile some two weeks ago was done very convincingly and the Russian riding boy, somewhat on the heavy side, was quite content to sit still and come home in easy fashion. Mr. Ip Kui Ying should have quite a successful meeting with this contender.

Black Seal has also been impressive and I have been given to understand, will be Mr. L. B. Chao's mount. Manhattan and Seal River should also show up well, while A Surprising Time is also worth rating near the top. Santa Anita, Mainstay and Hole In One will have a good following, though the last named is rumoured to be under a cloud at the moment. Never-Never, King's Flight and Corriedoo are all trained in the same stable and their owners should be more than satisfied with their training performances. Royal Sovereign is also worth remembering.

I had a very high opinion of Sydney Diamond at one time, but this chestnut has come down somewhat in my estimation recently as he appears to have lost a little "fire." However, do not neglect this pony as he is a top flighter and should do well at the meeting. Snow White is another good

one that has gone off somewhat of late.

GOOD SPRINTERS

Among those that appear to go better over sprint distances, I like Buckfastleigh, Fresh Air, Bendemeer, Double Dutch and National Welfare. They can all cover ground quickly and with a little luck at the gate, should be very near in the sprint events. Amulet Star appears to be the best, in that stable.

Bendigo, Strathalbyn and Corsair are others who can be depended on to meet with a fair measure of success. The last named appeared to me very much right from the beginning, but she has developed some leg trouble lately and may even not start at the meeting. However, she is working again in the mornings and if you are out for big dividends, do not forget this racer. Araxy II is a good mover but somewhat "green" and may not come up the first time out.

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS

Some fancy prices were paid at the various auctions for these ponies and though they may live up to their "money value," I am afraid some of the lesser lights might spring a surprise. I honestly think that Marsh Warbler and Distant View are amongst the best. The Eu Tong Sen stable has three very good ones in Fleetwing, Gay Fox and Gloaming and I have placed them according to my estimation of their capabilities. Gloaming was the most expensive one but has not turned up quite to expectations, though I am inclined to believe she is more backward in form than the others and may show them a thing or two when she is properly primed up.

THE "BIG NOISE"

T. K. Li's best is Oracle and this chestnut mare should do well, especially in the short distance events. A Happy Time appears to be the best of the Li Po Chun string, whilst Vis Major is the "big noise" in the S. W. Lee stable. First Love is a first class animal and dangerous in any race she is started. Cire's Sunlight and Starlight have not shown their real powers in training as yet but I am impressed with their style of gallop.

King's Welcome is nice compact pony, with some very good track performances to her credit and should be able to secure at least one race. The Gredmaka stable are represented in this class by Coloma and Canberra. They are both useful and the former is worth following in sprint events. Hascossay is a veritable "flyer" and will be one of the more prominent ones in the short races. Hornpipe and Pigtail are the pick of the others and together with the Nineteenth Hole, are quite capable of upsetting.

CHINA PONY GRIFFINS

If punters were to gauge capabilities by looks alone, then

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C.B.A. HOCKEY XI TO MEET KHALSA

The following will represent Central British Association in a Hockey Association Tournament match against Khalsa to be played at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday morning on the Police Ground, Boundary Street.

T. Lockhart, V.C. Bond, D. Taylor, D. Parsons, N. B. M. Whitley and G. Ansley, D. T. Smith, T.S.D. Whitley, E. Fowler, W. Ure and F. Fowler.

FULL LEAGUE SOCCER PROGRAMME

A full programme of League soccer matches is down for decision this week-end.

On the Club ground SING TAO will entertain Kowloon and should have no difficulty in obtaining full points, while SOUTH CHINA will also have an easy task against ST. JOSEPH'S.

An even encounter is indicated at Boundary Street where POLICE are meeting ROYAL SCOTS. A win for the military side, would not be a surprise.

In the only Senior match tomorrow, NAVY will face a tough proposition in EASTERN.

LAI WAH CUP FINAL

At a meeting of the League Management Committee of the Hongkong Football Association yesterday the final of the Lai Wah Cup Competition was fixed for Sunday, Feb. 16, on the Club ground, at 3.30 p.m. Admission will be \$1.10, 55 and 35 cents.

The final is between Army and Civilian.

H. E. Major-Gen. A. E. Grasett will give away the trophy.

FULL POINTS

Full points were awarded to Middlesex against Kowloon who failed to turn up at Sookunpoo on Jan. 18.

COMBINED SERVICES RUGGER XV

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Services v. Combined Volunteers in a Rugby match today at Sookunpoo, kick-off at 4.15 p.m.

Tel. Honeywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden, Douglas, Coombes, Richards, Lt. Carter, Morgan, Sutherland, Ford, Manfield, C.P.O. Wtr. King, Millan, Heath, Bompas, Page.

HOCKEY TRIAL

The following are requested to turn out for the "Probables" in a hockey match against the Combined Indian Military team at 3 p.m. today on the Navy ground: V. M. Benwell, V. C. Bond, J. B. Gonsalves, R. Marques, W. A. Reed, N. B. Whitley, 2/Lt. N. S. Cole, T. S. D. Whitley, Gurbachan Singh, E. Fowler and W. Brown.

Reserves: A. E. P. Guest, A. M. Alves, D. T. Smith and W. Parker.

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

CRICKET — "A" Division: Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Recreation v. Craigengower. "B" Division: Craigengower v. Recreation; Indian R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.

FOOTBALL — First Division: Sing Tao v. Kowloon (Club), 4.15 p.m. South China v. St. Joseph's (Caroline Hill), 4.15 p.m. Second Division: Kit Chee v. Service Corps (St. Joseph's), 2.45 p.m. Sing Tao v. Club (Club), 2.45 p.m. Ordnance v. Engineers (Military), 4.15 p.m. Police v. Kowloon (Boundary Street), 2.45 p.m. 30th R.A. v. Middlesex (Stanley), 2.45 p.m. South China v. Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill), 2.45 p.m. Third Division: 12th R.A. v. Service Corps (Stanley), 4.15 p.m. Shell v. Engineers (St. Joseph's), 4.15 p.m. Medicals v. 35th R.A. (Military), 2.45 p.m. GOLF — Royal Hongkong Golf Club Stubb's Shield Competition. Semi-final round.

RUGBY — Combined Volunteers "A" v. Combined Services "A" (Sookunpoo) 3 p.m.; Combined Volunteers v. Combined Services (Sookunpoo) 4.15 p.m.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL — First Division: Navy v. Eastern (Causeway Bay), 4.15 p.m.; Second Division: Navy v. Royal Scots (Causeway Bay), 2.45 p.m.; Third Division: 36th R.A. v. Signals (Sookunpoo), 4.15 p.m.; 20th R.A. v. 7th R.A. (Sookunpoo), 2.45 p.m.; International v. A.S.A. (Chatham Road), 2.45 p.m.; Air Force v. 24th R.A. (Chatham Road), 4.15 p.m.

Leading League Squads On View In Sunday's Softball Card At K.F.C.

CANUCKETTES AND WAHOOS TO CLASH IN NEEDLE ENCOUNTER

BY "R.O.Y."

The main feature of this week's softball card at the Kowloon Football Club will be the Canuckettes-Wahoos clash, a needle match that will have an important bearing on the Ladies' pennant race.

In the Men's first division, the three leading teams will all be engaged, and keen tussles should be witnessed when the Indians clash with the Chinese Baseballers and the Hongkong Baseballers tangle with the Cyclones.

Opening the programme, the league-leading Wildcats have an easy task against the Little Flower Club who are but one step out of the cellar. As the latter's mound staff and general defensive ability is still very weak, the Wildcat sluggers will have to co-operate with the opposition if the final count is to assume respectable proportions.

The second match will find the Canadian Chinese lassies opposed to the Wahoos.

In their first round meeting, the Canuckettes nosed through to a 7-6 triumph, but on this occasion will be without skipper Jean Lee whose heavy stickwork will be sorely missed. The Green Owls, on the other hand, appear to be another team since the return of Big Chief Therese Noronha, so indications are that the Fighting Wahoos will reverse the previous verdict.

MEN'S GAMES

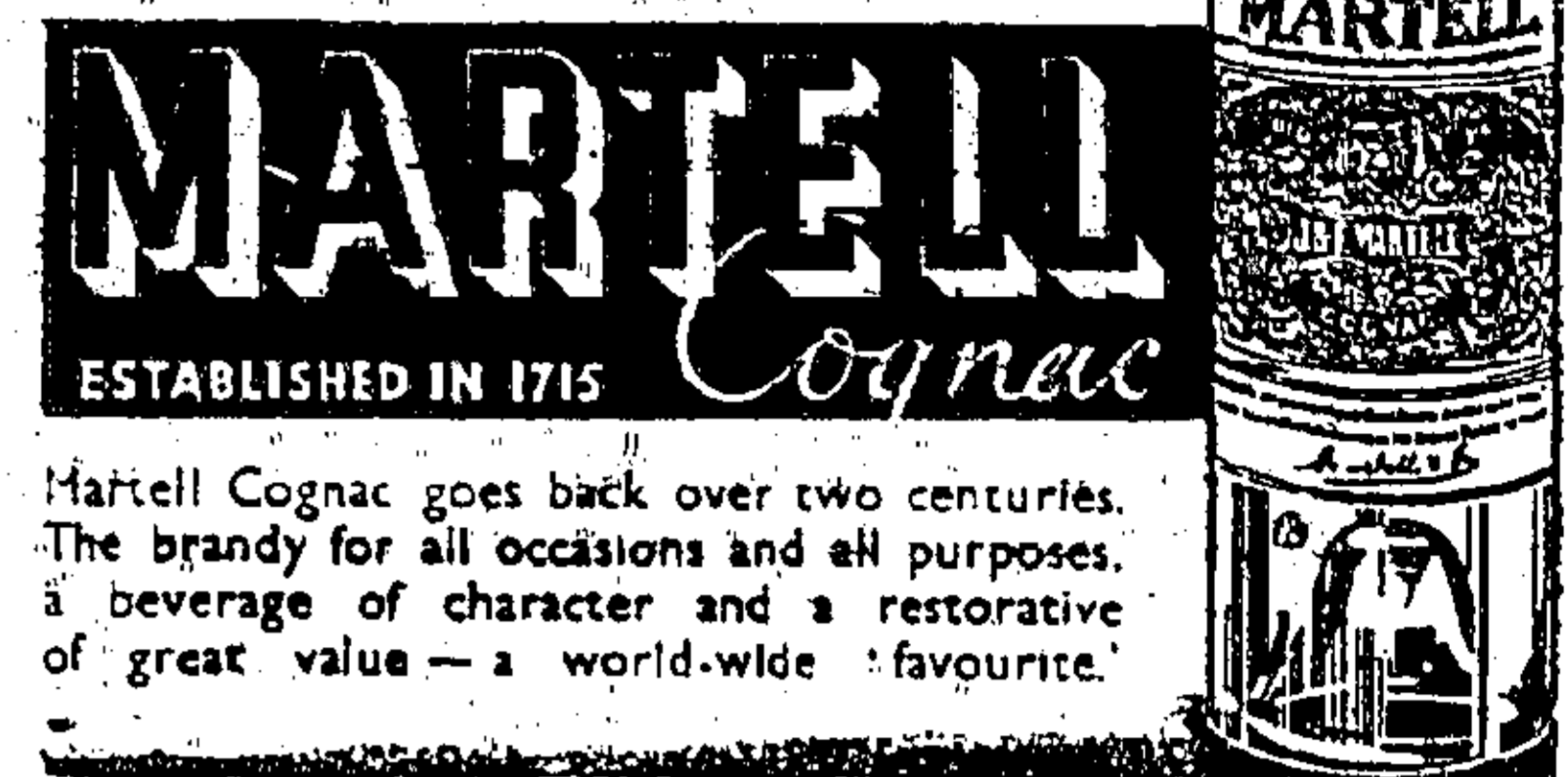
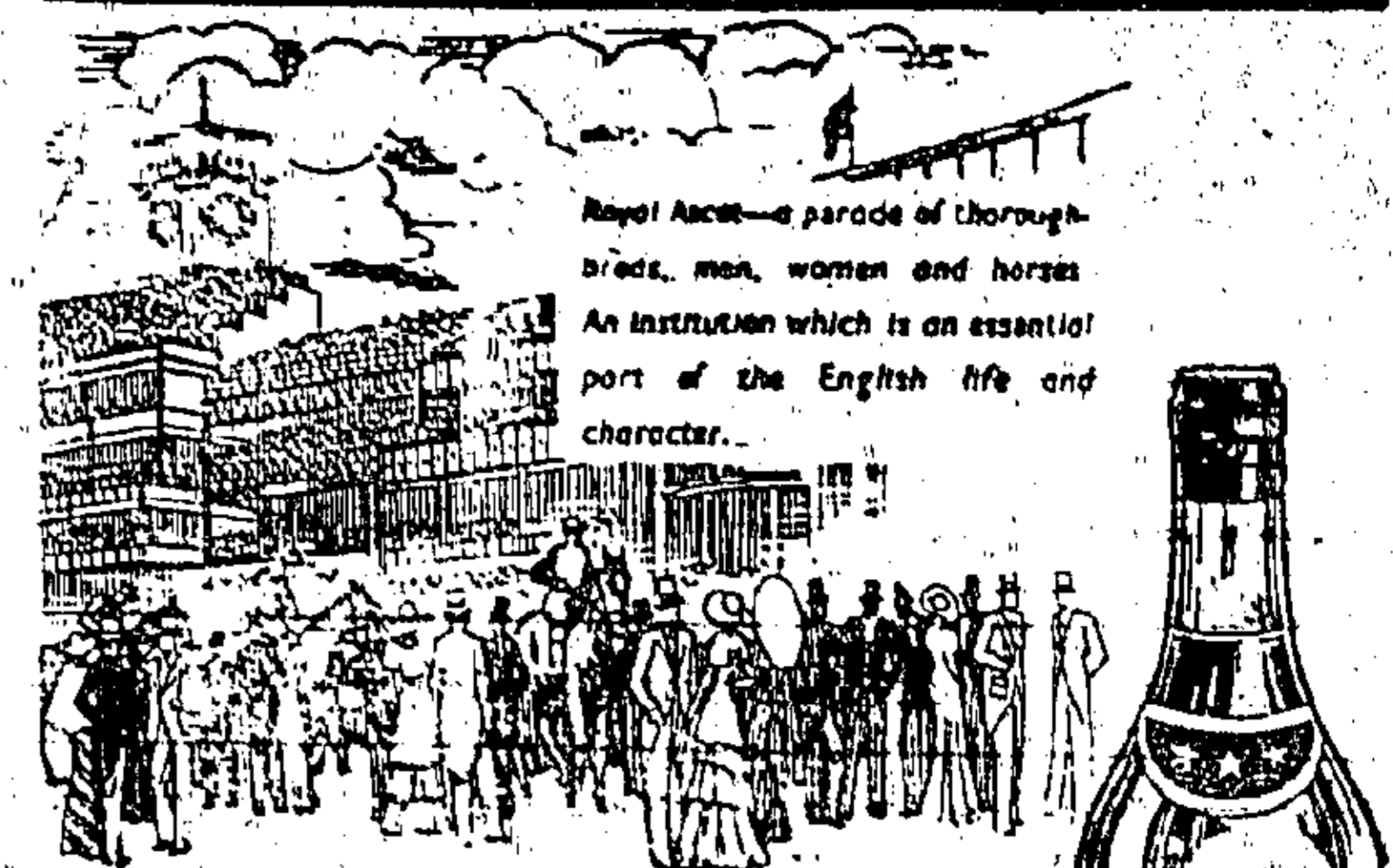
At 12.30 p.m., the second-place Indian Softballers go into action against the Chinese Baseballers

EASY POINTS

St. Joseph's, the potential champions, should come home "on the bit," against the Filipino boys whose only points this season have been garnered at the expense of the cellar-holding Canadian Chinese aggregation.

The Joltin' Boeys go into this game holding cards, spades and little casino and no-one will be more surprised than the Filipino boys if they manage to beat Dave

THE SPIRIT OF TRADITION



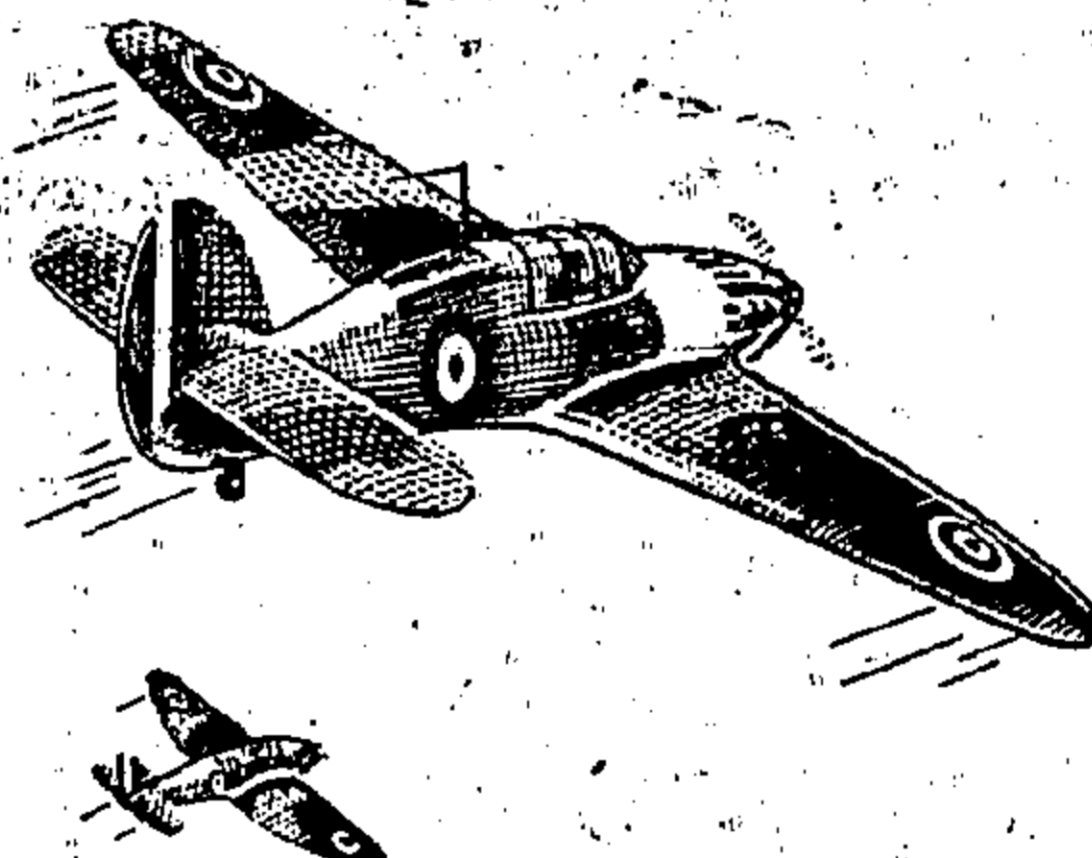
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Leonard's hard-hitting outfit on little of the incentive that served as a spark plug in their early season drive to the top of the league tables. Indifferent form during recent weeks, culminating with their surprising defeat at the hands of

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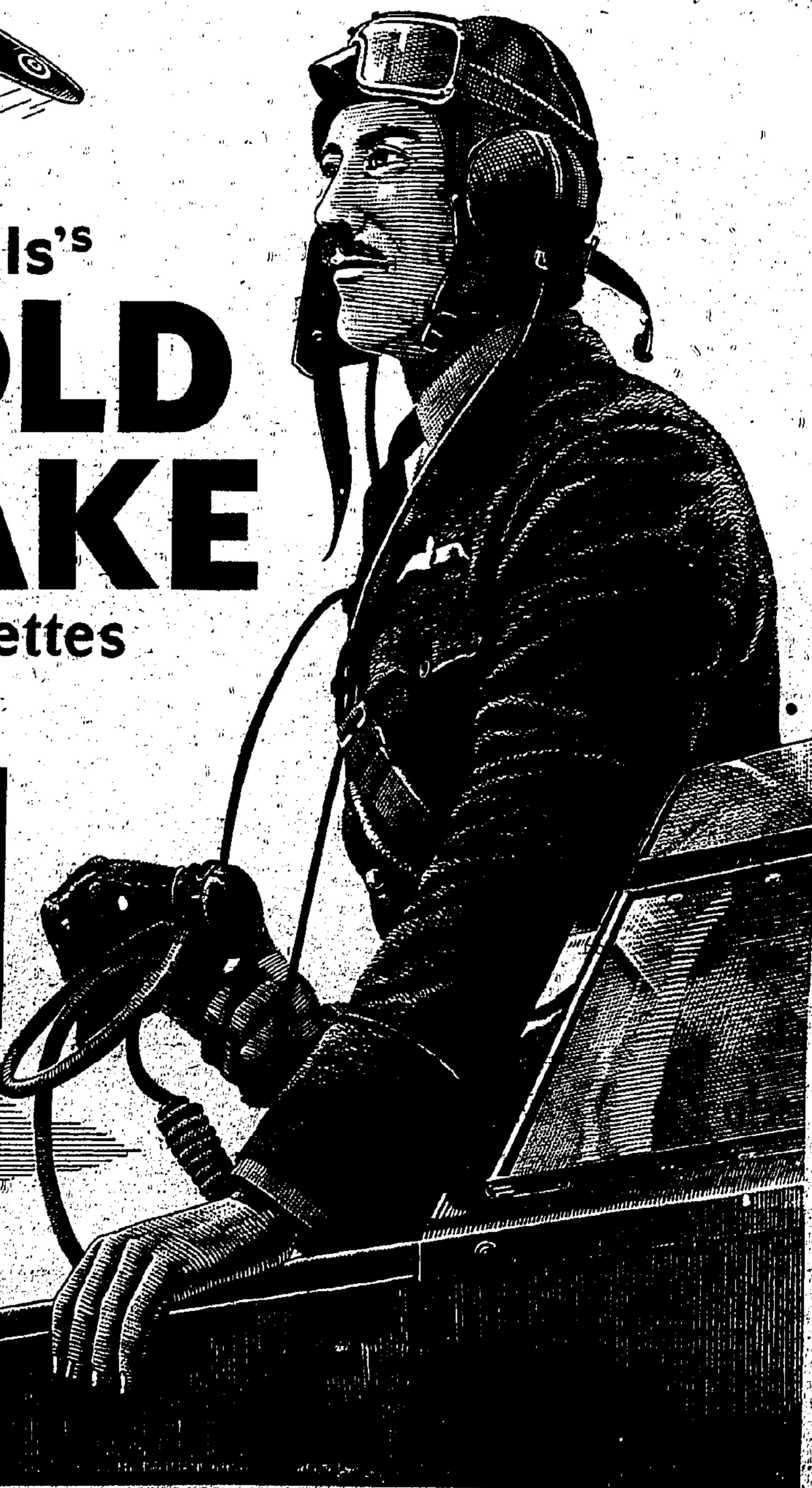
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Relief Of Kwangtung Fishermen

Bearing the brunt of Japanese naval operations since the start of the war, Chinese fishermen along the Kwangtung coast have been suffering heavily. Due to the extensive destruction of fishing junks by the Japanese, the majority of the fishermen have not only lost their occupation, but have been rendered homeless.

In order to afford them effective relief, the Kwangtung Provincial Departments of Civil Affairs and Reconstruction, in conjunction with the Provincial Relief Association and the Provincial Bank of Kwangtung, have jointly formulated four relief measures to be put into execution immediately.

They are:

Organization of fishermen's co-operatives; creation of a fund for granting credit loans to fishermen; relief of unemployed fishermen; and establishment of a fishermen's factory.

CHUNGKING PROHIBITS HOARDING

The National Government has promulgated a set of regulations governing the prohibition of hoarding of important daily necessities for profiteering at emergency time.

Included in such daily necessities are rice, wheat, flour, kailang, corn, beans, cotton, cotton yarn, cotton piece goods, linen, leather, coal, briquets, charcoal, paper, soap, matches and vegetable seeds.

Hoarders will be punished according to law and the articles hoarded will be confiscated.

Hoarders may be reported to the government authorities concerned and rewards will be offered to the informant.—(Central News)

The District Governments along the coast have been instructed to assist in the carrying out of these measures.—(Central News)

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11.00 London Relay—Talk: "In My Opinion."

11.15 London Relay—Starlight with Vic Oliver.

11.30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Pools Rush In; Quickstep—Turn Your Money in Your Pocket—Billy Cotton and His Band. Slow Fox-Trot—I'll Never Smile Again. Fifth I Smile at You; Fox-Trot—Half-Way Down the Street—Oscar Rabin & His Band. Tangos—Changrin D'Amour; Tango Canals—Mario Meli and His Tango Orch. Quicksteps—Exactly Like You; Wrapping It Up—Oscar Rabin & His Strict Tempo Dance Band. Fox-Trot—They call me a dreamer; Waltz—Love is all (from "It's a date")—Oscar Rabin and His Strict Tempo Dance Band.

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WAR-TIME BONDS CAMPAIGN

A campaign soliciting subscription to the wartime bonds, including the National Reconstruction Gold Bonds and the Military Supplies Bonds, will be launched shortly. The campaign will begin in Chungking and then be extended to other parts of the country and the Chinese communities abroad.

A committee to push the sale of the bonds was formed in Chungking last September, with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as Chairman and Mr. Huang Yung-pai, member of the People's Political Council, as Secretary-General. The Committee is scheduled to give a reception to the press on 3.10, explaining the methods of the campaign.—(Central News).

MAGISTRATE COMMENDED

The Kiangsu Provincial Government has issued an order commending Mr. Liu Tien-chun, magistrate of Suining, north Kiangsu, for his capable administration. It is said that there are no Japanese, traitors or bandits in his district.—(Central News).

COMING EVENTS

FEB.

8—Tides: High 8.22 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Low 1.24 a.m. and 11.38 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 6.16 p.m.

Kowloon Golf Club, Annual Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club: Band Concert by Royal Scots, 9 p.m.

Yacht Club: Buffet Supper Dance, Kellett Island.

Exhibition of Chinese Paintings, Cafe Wiseman, 10 a.m.—8 p.m.

Exhibition of Calligraphy, St. Francis Hotel.

Solemn Requiem Mass for the late Rev. Sister Maria Bliff, of Walchow Hospital, Catholic Cathedral, 7.30 a.m.

Diocesan Old Girls' Assn.: "House Warming," at D.G.S., 3 p.m.

9—Tides: High 8.47 a.m. and 7.11 p.m. Low 2.05 a.m. and 12.41 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 6.17 p.m.

Soccer: Lai Wah Cup Competition, Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Speaker: Sir Atholl MacGregor on "After the War."

Lai Wah Cup Soccer Softball League.

Exhibition of Chinese Paintings, Cafe Wiseman, 10 a.m.—8 p.m.

10—Tides: High 9.11 a.m. and 7.59 p.m. Low 2.40 a.m. and 1.35 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 6.17 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Hall—Annual Meeting of Electors, 5.30 p.m.

11—Tides: High 9.37 a.m. and 8.46 p.m. Low 3.16 a.m. and 2.22 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 6.18 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club: Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Diocesan Boys' School, New Term Starts.

H.E. Acting Governor to dine with Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., and Officers of 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt., 8.15 p.m.

12—Tides: High 10.08 a.m. and 9.34 p.m. Low 3.52 a.m. and 3.07 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 6.19 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Little Flower Club Concert, 6 p.m.

Lawn Bowls: H.E. the Acting Governor to entertain Bowlers at Govt. House, 3 p.m.

13—Tides: High 10.42 a.m. and 10.19 p.m. Low 4.27 a.m. and 3.51 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 6.19 p.m.

H.K. V's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Little Flower Club Concert, 9 p.m.

Mobile Black-Out Demonstration, 7 p.m.

14—Tides: High 11.16 a.m. and 11.07 p.m. Low 4.53 a.m. and 4.57 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 6.20 p.m.

St. Valentine's Day.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Police and Police Reserve Dinner-Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

15—Tides: High 11.55 a.m. and 11.57 p.m. Low 5.37 a.m. and 5.27 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 6.20 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, First Day, 11.30 a.m.

H.E. the Acting Governor leaves for Fanling Lodge.

16—Tides: High 12.37 p.m. Low 6.14 a.m. and 6.22 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 6.21 p.m.

Lawn Bowls: K.C.C. v. Lane Crawfords.

Junior Golf Championship—Semi-Final.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Softball League.

17—Tides: High 12.54 a.m. and 1.2 p.m. Low 6.47 a.m. and 7.27 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 6.21 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, Second Day, 11.30 a.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

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SANGUINARY FIGHTING IN ALBANIAN FRONT

ITALIAN ATTACK THROWN BACK WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES

ATHENS, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—The violent Italian counter-attack launched on Wednesday on the central front has ended in a disastrous Italian defeat, according to the Athens radio last night.

The enemy threw many troops and a considerable number of tanks and armoured cars into the battle in an attempt to break through the Greek lines. The Italians were pushed back behind their base lines and their losses in men and material were heavy.

AMERICANS SERVING IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Thousands of Americans have come here in Canadian uniform, declared Mr. Robert Hutchison, President of the American Eagle Club, speaking at an American Chamber of Commerce luncheon in London yesterday.

He thought that there were 7,000 or 8,000 Americans in service in Britain.

Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, speaking at the same luncheon, said: "I feel that I may look forward with confidence to the day when I shall know of the speed and scale of American shipping assistance."

Mr. Cross recalled that recently he told American journalists that he had cast a covetous eye on the enemy ships tied up in the ports of America. He added, "The song and dance which then emanated from Berlin had for me high entertainment value because of its bogus qualities. I would only say now that the ships are still there and that I still have an eye, and that I am still capable of that little spiritual delinquency to which I have already confessed."

HAYASHI FREED UNDER BOND

COURT TRIAL TO BE HELD IN JAPAN

SHANGHAI, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Hayashi, the 70-year old President of the Japanese Ratepayers Association, who had been held under investigation by the Japanese Consular Police for the alleged wounding of Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and two Japanese officials at the Ratepayers' meeting on Jan. 23, was released last night under bond.

Hayashi will be confined to his home until his departure for Nagasaki in the near future where he will be brought to trial on the charge of attempted murder.

COMMONS QUERY

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Invited to make a statement on the "outbreak of ruffianism in the International Settlement of Shanghai," Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that "while Mr. Eden has some preliminary information on the attempted arson at the Shanghai Race Club and the bombing of the Special District Court he was not yet in a position to give a detailed official account of these incidents."

ADMIRAL NOMURA IN FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Admiral Nomura, the new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, arrived here yesterday.

He told reporters that there were no questions between Japan and the United States that could not be settled amicably.

BOMBAY, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—A further 900 Italian prisoners, including 104 officers, have arrived.

Several tanks and four armoured cars were destroyed. The Greeks have established themselves firmly in the new positions.

The announcer added that operations on the Albanian front on Wednesday were satisfactory in all areas.

On the mountain range beyond Klisura, Greek forces are now consolidating their recent gains and organising new positions in view of the extensive operations which may be expected when the weather improves.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE
Greek artillery is active in the northern sector but bad weather is hampering the Greek advance while in the coastal area some headway has been made.

A G.H.Q. communique states that there has been limited activity of patrols and artillery. An enemy tank attack has been repulsed.

Greece had another day free of raids, adds a Ministry of Public Security communique.

DUMP BLOWN UP

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Reuter's special correspondent on the Albanian frontier states that Greek long-range guns near Pogradetz have blown up an Italian munition dump north-west of Lin, on the shores of Lake Ochrid.

RHODES BOMBED

CAIRO, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—A heavy air attack on Maritza aerodrome in Rhodes, the chief island of the Italian Dodecanese group, marked the extension of the R.A.F. Middle East Command activity on Tuesday night.

The aerodrome was bombed, and machine-gunned and fires were started.

The British advances on five fronts in Africa were again fully supported by air activity.

LIBYAN OPERATIONS

Yesterday's R.A.F. communique records the renewed bombing of advanced Italian aerodromes in Libya during Tuesday night, including Benina aerodrome near Benghazi and Berka as well as the railway station at Barce.

In Italian East Africa, the army was supported by the R. A. F. on various fronts. At Barrentu two more Italian fighters were captured and one was shot down.

At Keren, dive attacks were made on gun positions in the hills and on the road east of the town.

At Negast bombs were dropped on motor transport with considerable effect.

At Dessie, several fires were caused among the buildings and motor transport vehicles.

WILLKIE TRAVELS BY NEW ROUTE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—The Dixie Clipper with Mr. Wendell Willkie aboard has alighted at Bolama, West Africa, announced Pan-American Airways.

The machine is inaugurating a new homeward course for American clippers from Europe. This is the first time that an American commercial aircraft has visited an African port and the first time that any part of Africa has been linked with the United States by air.

REUTER'S HEAD

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—The Board of Reuter's have appointed Mr. Samuel Storey, M.P., Chairman of the Company.



Major-General I. G. Mackay, who led the Australian forces at the occupation of Bardia and hauled down the Italian flag.

U.S. ENVOY TO LONDON

PRESIDENT NAMES LABOUR EXPERT FOR POST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. John Winant has been nominated United States Ambassador to London and President Roosevelt has sent the nomination to the Senate yesterday morning.

Mr. Winant, who came into prominence in 1934 when he was Chairman of the committee to inquire into the strike in the textile industry, has specialised in labour problems for many years.

He was appointed Assistant Director of the International Labour Office in 1935 but a few months later returned to America to become one of President Roosevelt's close collaborators in the administration of the New Deal as Chairman of the Board to Administer the Social Security Programme.

He became Director of the I.L.O. in 1938.

After the collapse of France he transferred the I.L.O. Headquarters to the McGill University, Montreal.

CHINA WAR:

CHINESE LAUNCH HEAVY ASSAULTS IN S. HONAN

CHUNGKING, Feb. 7 (Central).—Heavy assaults were made against the Japanese falling back from Siping to Suiping on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in south Honan. Up till yesterday morning approximately 2,000 Japanese were killed. The rest continue to flee southward.

The Japanese to the southeast of Wuyang, about 30 miles west of Siping, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway were practically all annihilated as a result of Chinese encircling attacks, while the Japanese driving southwestward from Wuyang to Nanyang and Shechichien were hotly pursued and attacked. Up till noon yesterday most of the Japanese reaching Shechichien had been annihilated and those invading Nanyang had suffered about 4,000 casualties.

A Japanese unit invading Tung-yip, a town between Nanyang and Tangho, has been surrounded while about half of the 2,000 Japanese reaching Tangho have been forced to retreat eastward.

A thousand Japanese at Shangkwan, about 25 miles north of Miyang west of the Peiping-Hankow Railway are being engaged there.

OUTPOST RECAPTURED

In east Honan Chinese troops have recaptured Shintseho, an important Japanese outpost southwest of Pohnien, and Sanquanmiao, south of Pohnien. The Japanese lost 420 men and 260 rifles.

Fighting around Taiho in north-west Anhwei where the Japanese

FORMER DUTCH PREMIER RETURNS TO HOLLAND

Broke Pledged Word To Go To Wife Dangerously Ill

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—The Royal Netherlands Government announces that it has learnt yesterday with a profound sense of indignation that, notwithstanding solemn assurances given to the contrary, Jonkheer Doctor D. J. de Geer, ex-Prime Minister of the Netherlands, has left Lisbon for the enemy-occupied part of the kingdom in Europe.

De Geer, who is 78, was Prime Minister from June, 1939 to September, 1940. He was head of the Government at the moment of the German invasion on May 10 last year and he had an important share in the responsibility for the unanimous decision of the Cabinet to leave the Hague for London with the Queen.

Soon after the resignation of de Geer from the Premiership in September last year, the Government decided to entrust him with a mission to the Netherlands East Indies which would have enabled him to join some members of his family living in that part of the kingdom.

De Geer left England in November last on the express condition that the official facilities granted to him were to serve exclusively for the purpose just mentioned and he himself gave a formal undertaking to that effect.

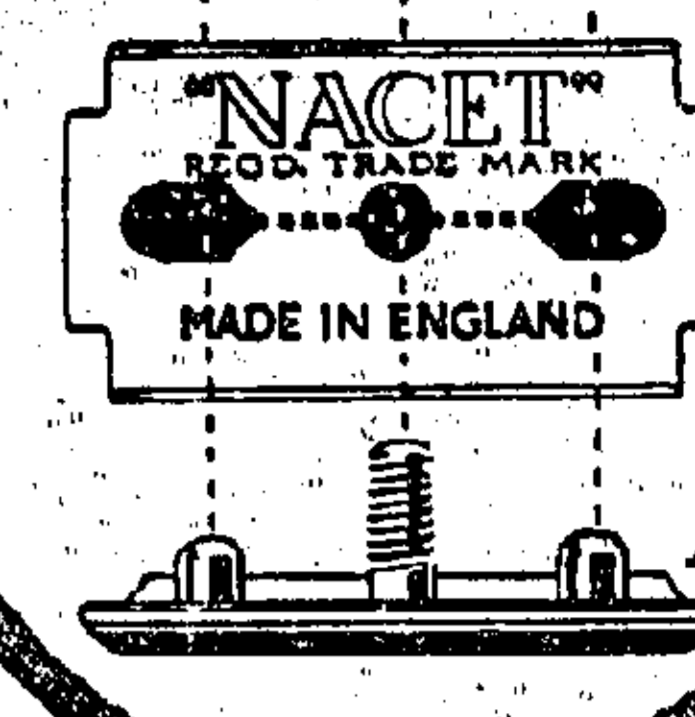
PLEDGE BROKEN
Having learned with deep regret that the former Prime Minister has broken this solemn pledge by returning to occupied territory, the Royal Netherlands Government have the painful duty to make known that they consider de Geer's conduct a breach of loyalty and an act detrimental to the national interests.

This unfortunate incident, concludes the announcement, can in no way be accepted as an indication of any change in the firm determination of the Royal Netherlands Government to continue the war against Germany on the side of her British ally until ultimate victory.

WIFE ILL
It is learned in Dutch circles in London that de Geer decided to go to Holland because he was anxious about his wife's health. It is reported here last night that on arrival in Lisbon, de Geer learned that his wife who has been in

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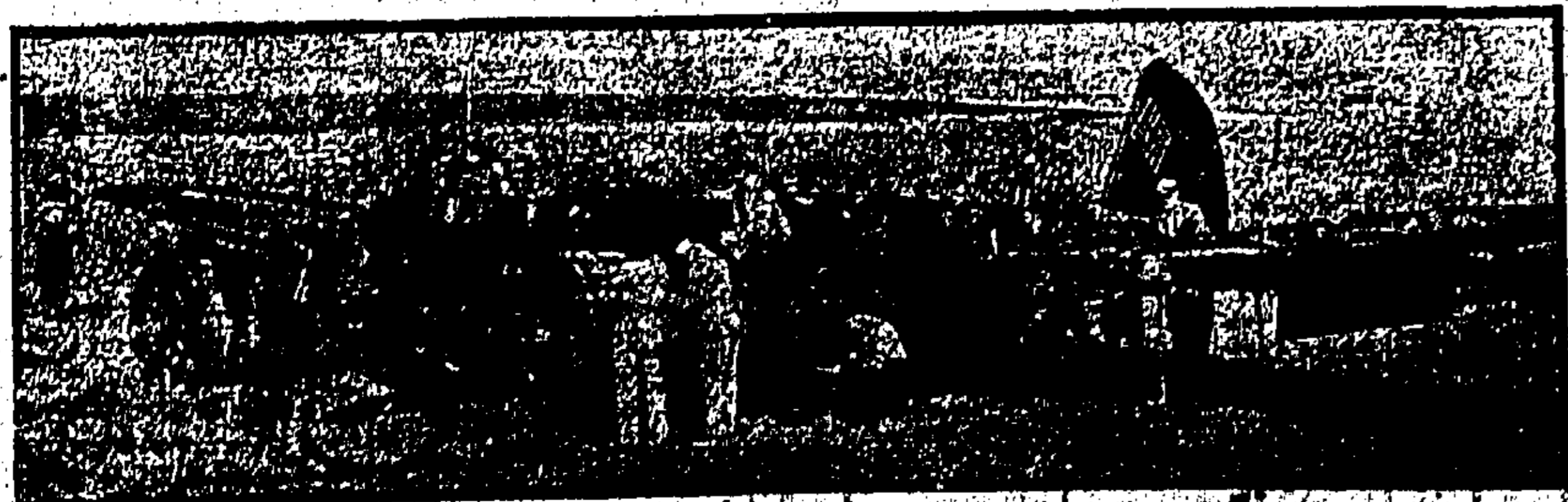
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The group above was photographed on the occasion of the arrival in Hongkong, on his way to Chungking, of Mr. Lovell Laughlin Currie, President Roosevelt's Personal Envoy to China. From right to left are: Mr. Enile Despres, senior economist of the Research Division of the Federal Reserve Bank, Mr. L. Currie, Mr. A. E. Southard, U.S. Consul-General in Hongkong, and Mr. Hollington Tong, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's representative who greeted Mr. Currie on his arrival.—(King's Studio).

Immigration Boarding Officers

53 ASSIGNED TO SHIP DUTY

Arising out of an observation made by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo at the recent meeting of the Finance Committee, the official spokesman of the Immigration Office was yesterday approached by the Hongkong Daily Press on the question of the numbers of boarding officers employed and their hours of duty.

There are, at present, 13 senior, and about 40 junior, assistant Immigration Officers assigned to ship duty.

Officially, they are on duty for eight hours a day but this was often extended to 12 hours when there happened to be a number of ships arriving, or should a ship arrive just an hour or so before a "squad" was due to go off duty.

Asked whether ships are boarded immediately on arrival, the spokesman replied, "Yes, provided an examination squad is available. Naturally, if 20 ships arrive at the same time some must wait."

NOW ONLY 18 IMMIGRATION AGENCIES

Since the introduction of the new conditions governing Immigration Agencies, on Jan. 25, the majority of the Agencies have closed down and there are now only 18 such agencies in existence, according to an official spokesman of the Immigration Office yesterday.

It might be recalled that among the new conditions are that agencies are not permitted to charge more than \$1 for their services and that this charge is to include two copies of a photograph.

Agencies are also not to employ any persons, on a commission basis but have to pay all their employees a fixed weekly or monthly salary.

NONSENSE LITERATURE IN CHINA?

An interesting lecture entitled "The Tao with the Luminous Nose" was given yesterday by Mr. T.K. Chuan at a meeting of the Sino-British Cultural Association at the Fung Ping Shan Library.

Nonsense literature, Mr. Chuan said, is not nonsensical, not necessarily humorous. Though Freud had claimed that nonsense was a manifestation of the child cult, there was also nothing either childish or silly about nonsense.

The question of whether nonsense literature existed in China could not be answered categorically by a "Yes" or a "No". But the spirit of nonsense was certainly present in a number of works.

FORGED CERTIFICATES

Alleged to have possession a number of forged certificates and a forged seal, purporting to be the seal of the Assistant Immigration Officer, Fan Liu, 40, and Tsui Lan, 29, widow, were charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett yesterday.

The certificates were for entry to the Straits Settlement. First accused was additionally charged with uttering a forged certificate. Inspector G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A., asked for a remand of three days which was granted.

JUNK ROBBERY

Seven men, So Chan-ku, So Ah-kam, So Chi-suen, So Leung-Pak, So Ma-Tai, So Cheung, and So Leung-tai, charged with robbing a junk on the high seas, were committed to the Criminal Sessions by Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared for the first two defendants and Mr. M. A. da Silva for the third accused.

MARINE COURT

A fine of \$15 was imposed yesterday by the Marine Magistrate, Lt.-Cmdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R. on Wong Tai-un, charged with boarding a ship in harbour without the permission of the master or the officer in charge.

Ip Sai-mun, mistress of a cargo boat, was fined \$15 for approaching within 30 yards of a ship flying the 8 flag, and was fined a further \$5 for failing to produce

EXHIBITION OF CHINESE WATER-COLOURS

A preview of the exhibition of Chinese water-colour paintings by Miss Wu Yung-hsiang, second daughter of Mr. Aitchen K. Wu, was held yesterday afternoon in the Peacock Lounge, Exchange Building.

The exhibition, which is on for four days, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., opens today.

Those present at the preview were H.E. Dr. W. W. Yen, Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. O. K. Yul, Mr. Liu Chung-chien, Dr. Hsu Shih-ying, Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Rev. K. L. Reichelt, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Kirk, Mr. A. C. Taylor, Prof. R. C. Robertson and K. H. Digby, Mr. B. G. Birch and many others.

Dr. Yen introduced the artist. Of the 80 specimens on exhibit, "One Hundred Mandarin Ducks," "Unexpected Visitors," "Travelling in the Snow," and "Reminiscence of Hongkong Harbour," are among the best.

Memorial Service For Gen. Chu

A group of prominent Chinese in Hongkong is planning to hold a memorial service for the late General Chu Ching-lan, former army commander and philanthropist, who died in Sian last Jan., at the Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill Road, on Feb. 23.

A preparatory committee for the service was formed with Mr. Tu Yueh-sen as chairman and Messrs. P. N. Chung, manager of the Canton branch of the Central Bank of China, Ip Lan-chuen, Yuan Wei-yang, general manager of the China Can Company, and others as members.

Sponsors of the coming service include Messrs. Wang Hsiao-lai, Chu Ying-kwang, Ling Kiang-hou, Chang Tse-chen, Li Tsu-shen and Tu Yueh-sen.

U.S. MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR CHINA

\$1 Million Shipment Arrives In China

The first shipment of about U.S. \$1,000,000 worth of medical supplies purchased with a part of the U.S. \$50,000,000 appropriated by Congress for the relief of the victims of aggression has already arrived in China and more shipments are expected in the future, said Dr. F.C. Yen, former Director of the National Health Administration of the Chinese Government, in an interview, with the Central News.

Dr. Yen arrived in Hongkong recently from a three-month trip to the United States which he took under instructions of the Chinese Government to inspect the various hospitals there and to establish contact with the organizations for medical relief to China and seek their co-ordination.

ADMIRABLE PATRIOTISM
The patriotism of the overseas Chinese in the United States, Dr. Yen added, is admirable. In California alone, some U.S. \$6,000,000 has been raised by the Chinese in support of their mother country's resistance against Japanese invasion.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., Feb. 7.
Barometer, (at sea level) 30.18 in.

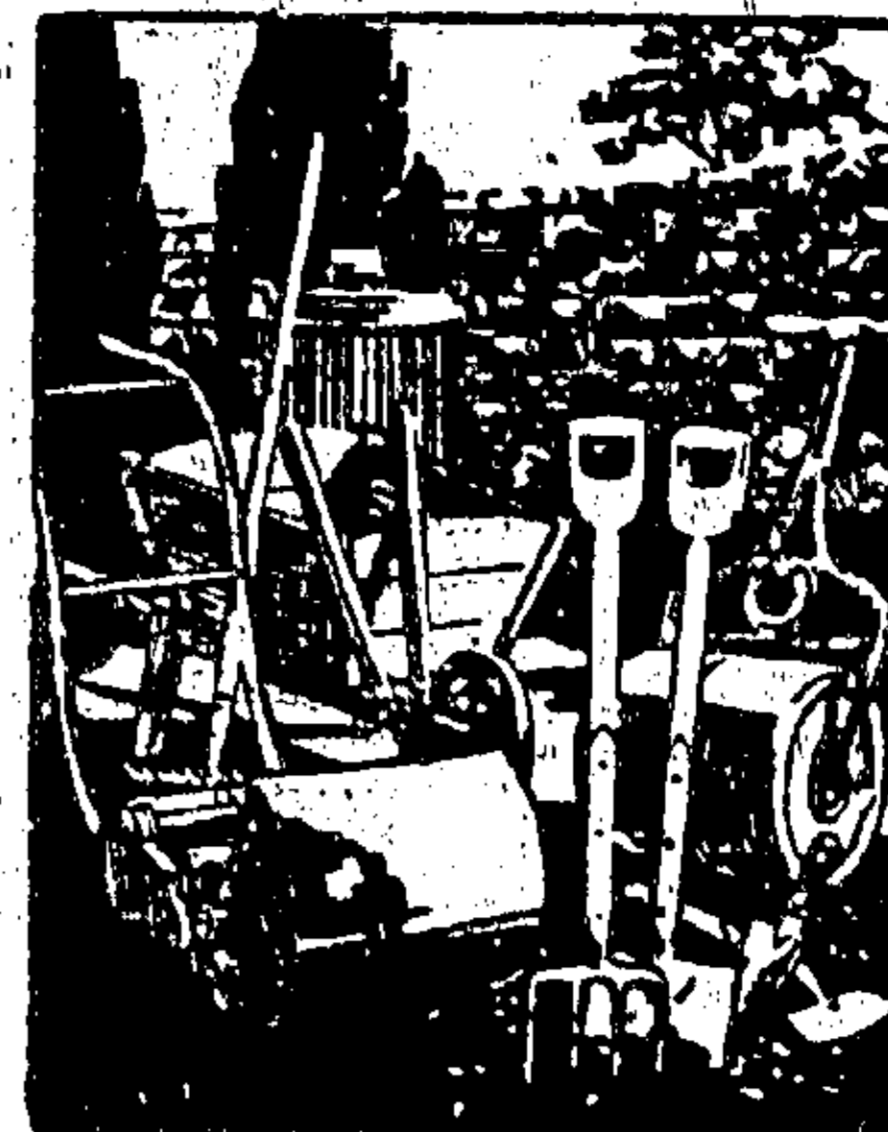
Temperature, 63 F.
Humidity, 74 per cent
Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.
Temperature: Maximum yesterday 71 F.
Minimum last night 61 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 p.m. today 0.04 in.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 3.97 in.

Against an average of 1.65 in. Sunset tonight, 6.15 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.59 a.m.

4 p.m., Feb. 7.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.07 in.
Temperature, 63 F.
Humidity, 78 per cent.
Wind Direction, E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.
Maximum temperature, 68 F.
Minimum temperature, 61 F.
Rainfall, nil.

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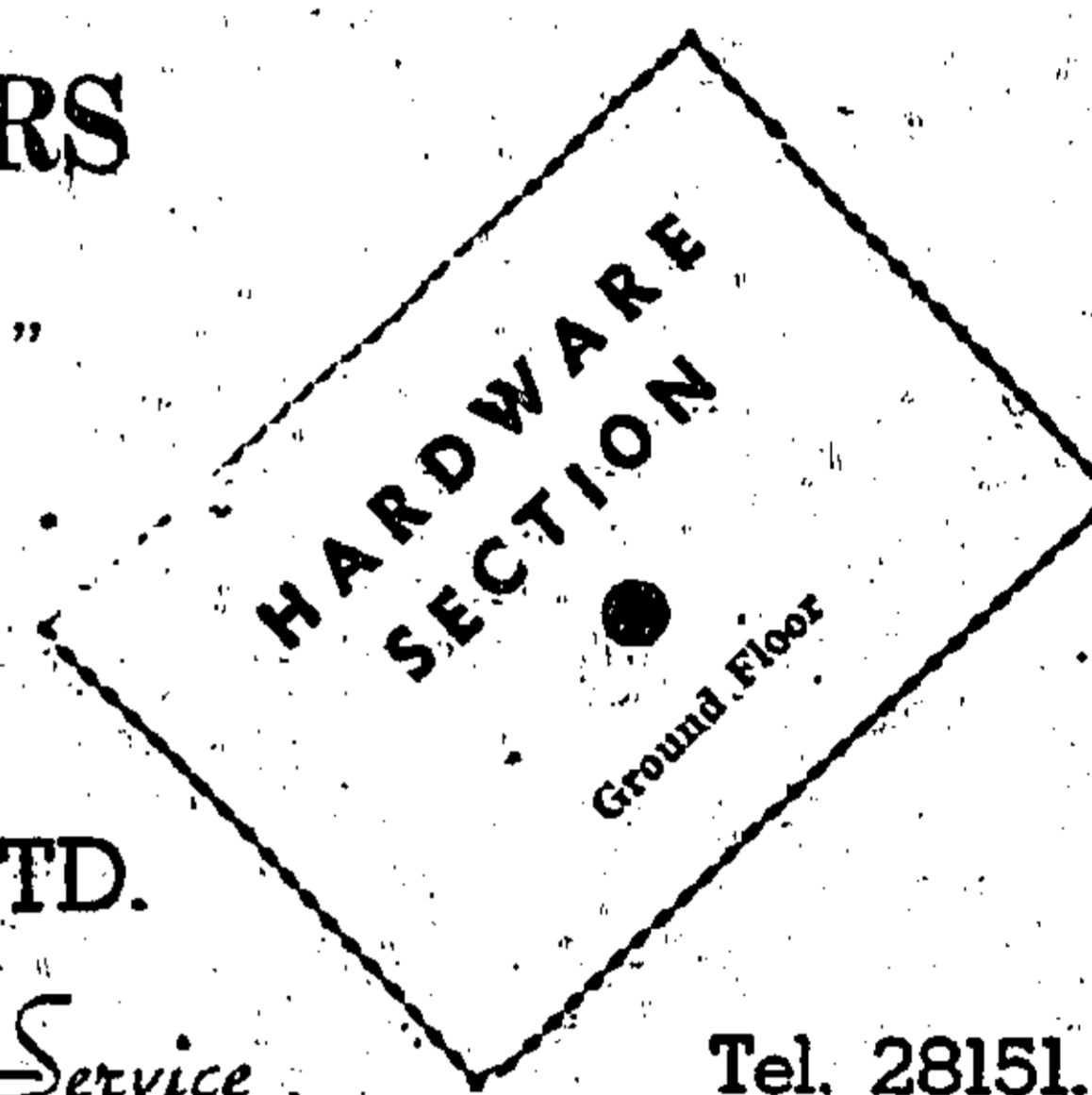
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BAN ON MARCH OF TIME FILM

Mr. T. M. Hussey, Official Censor of Cinematograph Films, banned ten films in Singapore in the last quarter of 1940, the most important single reason given being "excessive gun play." Of these seven were of American origin; two Indian; and the remaining one, British.

The Indian producers who came within the pale of the Malayan Cinematograph Films Ordinance are Wadia, India, with their "Golden Gang" and the Sagar Movietone with their "Deccan Queen." The former was banned for its "gang robbery, shooting and murder" and the latter for its "excessive revolver play."

"NO PARKING"

The only British film that came under the censor's fire was "No Parking" by the British Lion, the reason ascribed being "excessive gun play."

Among the American producers, Warner Brothers couldn't show here two films "Gambling on the High Seas" and "The Man Who Talked Too Much"; M.G.M. one ("Wyoming"); Paramount one ("World in Flames") and R.K.O. Radio one (March of Time No. 10, The Philippines 1898-1946). "Political" is the reason given for the ban on The March of Time film.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 8 to 14 Feb. 1941.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height.
Sat.	8	h. m.	ft. in.	Sat.	8	h. m.	ft. in.
		08 22	3 7			01 24	2 1
		18 20	6 8			11 39	3 6
Sun.	9	08 47	4 1	Sun.	9	02 06	1 8
		19 11	7 0			12 41	3 5
Mon.	10	09 11	4 2	Mon.	10	02 40	1 1
		09 37	7 4			12 38	2 3
Tues.	11	09 37	4 6	Tues.	11	03 18	0 6
		20 46	7 6			14 39	3 9
Wed.	12	10 03	4 9	Wed.	12	03 52	0 5
		21 34	7 6			15 07	3 6
Thur.	13	10 42	5 1	Thur.	13	04 27	0 6
		22 19	7 6			15 51	2 4
Fri.	14	11 18	5 4	Fri.	14	05 03	0 6
		23 07	7 2			16 27	3 1

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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

NUTS AND BOLTS

For stealing 28 pounds of nuts and bolts, valued at \$50, from the T'akoo Docks on Feb. 6, Wong Wing, 45, unemployed carpenter, was fined \$60, or in default, three months' hard labour, by Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday. Defendant had two previous convictions.

Convicted of larceny of 11 pounds of the same articles, valued at \$14, Li Tak, 43, dock coolie was fined \$25 or two months' hard labour.

Sentence of \$20 fine or the alternative of six weeks' hard labour was imposed on Lam Tam-hing, 44, dock coolie, for stealing eight pounds, valued at \$10.

Sgt. Kinloch prosecuted in each case.

JUNK OVERSEERS FINED

A fine of \$500 with the alternative of three months' hard labour was imposed on Chan Li-chol, 24, junk overseer, by Major Macfadyen yesterday for moving 41 bags of rice by sea from the Colony on board trading junk No. T5384H in Shauidwan harbour on Feb. 5, without first having obtained a licence from the Controller of Trade.

A similar fine was imposed on Ching Kam-chuen, 36, junk overseer, for moving 46 bags on board trading junk No. T3685H.

Both defendants pleaded ignorance of the regulations. In passing the sentence, Major Macfadyen commented: "It is a very serious offence."

Sgt. Kinloch prosecuted in both cases.

CAPITAL CHARGE

Ho Sung-hel, employee of the Chung Hwa Book Company, charged with the murder of Woo Tong-chiu, accountant of the Company, at No. 3, Gilman's Bazaar, was committed for trial by Mr. Lowry yesterday. Accused reserved his defence.

BROKER CHARGED

Further evidence was given before Mr. Lowry yesterday at the hearing of the case in which Chan Shu-yip alias Chan Shui-king, alias Shu Yin, 32, described as a broker, is charged with having carnal knowledge of a 12-year-old Chinese girl at St. Francis Hotel. The case was remanded to Feb. 14.

SENT TO SESSIONS

Charged with robbing, with another not in custody, a brown handbag from Mrs. Inez Soares, at Stubbs Road, Li Kam, 29, unemployed shop foki, was sent for trial by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Det. Sub-Ins. W. N. Darkin prosecuted.

Defendant was arrested when he was trying to pawn the watch at the Tak Wing pawnshop.

WOUNDING CASE

Ho Chuen, 43, unemployed farmer, appeared before Major Macfadyen yesterday on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm with a chopper, to Yung Fu, 43, Yan Yip, 30, married woman, Yung Ho, 58, widow, and Yung Lok, a two-year-old child, at No. 145, Third Street, second floor.

Det. Sub-Ins. R. Cunningham prosecuted.

Dr. G. V. A. Griffith testified that he found severe blows on the faces of all complainants. Defendant was committed for trial.

AT KOWLOON

SMART POLICE WORK

Smart Police work prevented a robbery and resulted in the arrest of three men who were charged with conspiracy to commit a robbery before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday.

Accused were Chan Shun, 37, Cheung Kuen, 43, and Shum Sung-tim, 18.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, who conducted the prosecution, said that acting on information a party of police, led by himself went to Po Kong Village about 11 p.m. on Wednesday. They kept watch on a hut and early the following morning defendants came and were arrested.

Accused were searched and two knives, a toy pistol and two guns were found in their possession.

The first two accused were each sentenced to six months' hard labour, while last defendant, who was additionally charged with breach of an expulsion order was gaoled seven months. All defendants will be expelled from the Colony after their terms.

DANGEROUS DRIVING

Appearing before Mr. Himsforth yesterday, Yueng Lun-mun, 18, apprentice, was charged with driving without a licence and with driving in a manner dangerous to the public.

Traffic Sgt. Clarke, prosecuting, said that defendant's master left the car outside No. 34, Battery Street and told defendant to push it into the garage.

Accused, however, drove the car instead. In turning a corner, defendant apparently misjudged and knocked a woman who was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

Defendant was fined \$15 on both charges and ordered to pay \$10 compensation to the woman.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Lo Tim, 19, hawker and a 14-year-old juvenile, charged with disorderly conduct by fighting on the ferry Man Chi, were ordered to sign a personal bond of \$10 to be of good behaviour for a year by Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

Sub-Inspector Johnson, prosecuting, said first accused pushed the juvenile who fell on a passenger causing the latter to fall overboard. The passenger was rescued by a seaman of the ferry.

MOVING RICE IN HARBOUR

Two cargo boat mistresses, Lo Sum, 29, and Leung Ho, 51, were granted \$250 bail each by Mr. Himsforth yesterday when they appeared on the charge of moving rice from Hongkong to Kowloon without permission.

First defendant had on board her boat 208 sacks of rice, while second accused had 52 sacks.

Defendants were remanded until Monday.

SENT TO SESSIONS

How an 13-year-old student, while out for a walk with his fiancée, on Chinese New Year's Day, was robbed by six men, was related before Mr. Barnett yesterday when Chan Kwong, Ho Kwai-wah, Kwok Kwong, and Wong Ping-chuen, were charged with robbery by two or more.

Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser said that first accused was arrested by the student, assisted by his father, in a eating house.

After evidence, defendants were committed to the Criminal Sessions.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday the 13th February to Wednesday the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1941.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS
LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 25th day of February, 1941, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th to TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Monday, 24th February, 1941, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 10th February, 1941, to MONDAY, 24th February, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

O. EAGER,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1941.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 68 and the minimum 61.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 3.97 inches against an average of 1.65. The Royal Observatory report states:—

A strong anticyclone is centred over South Manchuria and the Yellow Sea; it is moving slowly eastward. The depression to the north of Hokkaido is moving north-eastward.

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LOCAL POVERTY
PROBLEMS

THE DISTRESSING PROBLEM of poverty in Hongkong formed the subject of an interesting address given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday by a prominent social worker, Miss J. R. Taylor, as the Honorary Secretary of the Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council, is in the best position to reveal the extent of poverty in the Colony and the best means that have been taken, and should be taken, to deal with it. The facts and figures which she gave of the activities of the charitable organisation with which she is associated reflect the greatest credit on this social body, but, as Miss Taylor frankly stated, there was a great deal more that would have to be undertaken before the problem could be regarded as solved. Her appeal, therefore, for more funds and for further co-operation from other charitable institutions deserves better response than has apparently been accorded the Council in the past. The suggestions which she made for alleviating the present position should have the careful consideration of not only the charitable-minded, but the administration of this Colony, if this complex problem, which has reached serious proportions, is to be dealt with more wholeheartedly.

MISS TAYLOR'S acknowledgment of what the Government has done in this respect is a tactful reminder to the powers-that-be that the crux of the question lies in the surplus population which the Colony is now harbouring, with no positive signs that the measures undertaken by the Government to reduce this to a fair proportion have at all been successful. The weekly returns published in the press of the number of destitute persons accommodated in the various refugee camps in the Colony bear eloquent testimony to one of the main causes of poverty in the Colony. While thousands of these refugees from outside are being housed and fed, those in greatly straitened circumstances for various causes and who have been domiciled in Hongkong are left to obtain what assistance they can from charity. Can it be wondered, therefore, that petty thieving and vagrancy has increased to a considerable extent during the past three or four years? We do not mean that all these unfortunate people who have lost their homes and where-withal to exist in the places from which they came should be summarily ejected, but that the undesirable elements and the parasites on charity, who form a very large percentage of these refugees, should be expelled so that the bona fide cases of poverty and destitution may benefit by the philanthropic efforts being made on their behalf.

AS FAR AS the other suggestions put forward by Miss Taylor are concerned, her "Each One—Teach One" plan to improve literacy among the poor as a means towards solving the problem is an optimistic one. However successful it may have been in Bengal, we fear that, apart from it being a very long and protracted method, it will not meet with any enthusiastic reception in this Colony. The mentality of large numbers of those who are in most grievous poverty is beyond the influence of educative methods. Those who have attempted to educate the poorer classes here in the prevention of disease have found that the improvement of literacy among them is of little avail. Demonstrations and personal instruction have met with better results and it is in this regard that Miss Taylor's appeal for the assistance of other charitable organisations should find support. The poor man, with little or no intelligence, is hardly likely to respond as expected to steps taken to improve his literacy when facing the pangs of hunger and when he does not know where he can find means to satisfy it.

MISS TAYLOR'S reference to the housing problem strikes nearer the core of the present misery under which Hongkong's poor are existing. The iniquitous rents being charged by landlords, despite the ever increasing number of dwellings that are springing up in the Colony, have driven thousands of poor to live in the most unhygienic and insanitary conditions in rented rooms, while thousands more have been driven out into the streets and crowd the pavements for sleeping at night. This sight is the clearest evidence of Hongkong's poverty and the situation has grown worse in the last three years. Miss Taylor disclosed that the Refugee and Social Welfare Council has built forty huts for destitute people who can afford a nominal rental of \$10 a month. The Government might elaborate on this scheme by constructing model tenements, as has been done in Singapore and India, which could be made available to the poorer classes at a low rental. It would be one of the finest gestures for dealing with this pitiful state of affairs.

CORRESPONDENCE

TSE-FA RACKET
IN HONGKONG

To the Editor, H.K. Daily Press
Sir,—I believe I am one of the many who will compliment your esteemed paper for disclosing the TSE FA racket in Thursday's issue. It is high time that this should come to the notice of the public—especially the authorities—so that effective steps could be taken to stamp out, once for all, this "poisonous" swindle.

I can bear witness there is no exaggeration about your report, as I have actually seen with my own eyes children, Chinese and foreign alike, gambling at tse-fa as if they have gone crazy. It is often the case that a housewife loses all the money entrusted her by her husband for the upkeep of the house for the month, and is compelled to pawn her personal valuables to cover up the money lost. And there are cases worse than these, which sometimes end tragically and disastrously.

Although the Police authorities are sparing no efforts in stamping out this racket, the sentences imposed on these "law-breakers" is, to one's eye, rather slight. Should heavier sentences, such as long terms of imprisonment or banishment, be imposed on them without the option of fines, which, more often than not, are paid by the gambling ring, I firmly believe the tse fa racket will be gradually eradicated.

Let us hope that the authorities will take a serious view of this matter and "clean up" the town of this evil, for which the public will be thankful.

Yours, etc.,
E L O

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A.R.P. TUNNEL
SHELTERSVENTILATION TO
BE TESTED

Some 3,000 coolies will be engaged to test the ventilation of the air raid tunnel shelters opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, it was revealed by Mr. B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P., at the Press Conference yesterday morning.

The coolies will remain for three hours under actual air-raid conditions with wardens on duty. Arrangements have been made for members of the Executive and Legislative Councils to inspect the various A.R.P. tunnels.

Demonstrations by mobile A.R.P. units have proved a great success. The need for more telephonists was stressed.

An inter-district competition for the Hlmworth Cup will be held at Shamshulpa on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 2.30 p.m.

ACTION FOR
SLANDERDEFENCE WITNESS
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CROWN LAND SALES

Two building lots at Tsing Lung Tau, of 5,000 square feet each, were sold at the upset price of \$200 per lot at the District Office South yesterday. Fifteen agricultural lots—two at Tsing Lung Tau, 11 at Mui Wo, and one each at Kau Kang and Luk Ti Tung—measuring from .01 to 3.33 acres, were sold at upset prices ranging from \$1 to \$436.

NEWSETTES

The Bowlers will be entertained by His Excellency Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton at Government House on Wednesday, at 3 p.m.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will see a demonstration by the mobile black-out exhibition at Government House on Thursday, at 7 p.m.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will be present at the Police and Police Reserve Dinner-Dance in aid of British and Chinese war charities at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, Feb. 14, at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 14, His Excellency the Acting Governor will proceed to Fanning Lodge for the week-end.

Miss L. de Chaffoy de Courcelles, daughter of Mr. E. de Chaffoy, managing director, Oriental Tobacco Manufacturing Co. (Ingenohl Ltd.) left Hongkong for Shanghai on Thursday.

Mr. D. Humphreys, of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., left Hongkong on Thursday for San Francisco.

Mr. W. H. Lock, of Butterfield & Swire, was a passenger to Shanghai from Hongkong on Thursday.

Mr. F. J. Gellion, chairman, Macau Electric Lighting Co., Ltd., was a passenger to Shanghai from Hongkong on Thursday.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will dine with Colonel H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., and the Officers of the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) at Nanjing Barracks on Tuesday, at 8.15 p.m.

Deposits For
No PassportREFUND MADE IN
TEN DAYS

Interviewed yesterday, the spokesman of the Immigration Office stated that arrivals in the Colony who do not possess passports, permits, or certificates, are required to deposit \$100, in the case of first class, \$50 for second class, and \$25 for third class, passengers. A receipt will be given by the boarding officer of the Immigration Office.

The deposit will be refunded if, within 19 days of arrival, application for a permit or certificate is made.

10-DAY PERIOD

It was emphasised by the spokesman that the 10-day period applies only to applications for permit, or certificates, and is not the time limit for applying for the refund of the deposit.

Refunds will only be made on personal application and on production of proof that application for permits, or certificates, have been made.

Since the enforcement of the new Immigration Ordinance, 102 persons have been detained said the spokesman.

GEN. DE GAULLE'S
REPRESENTATIVE
IN COLONY

M. Quoniam de Schompre, representative of General de Gaulle in the Far East, arrived in Hongkong yesterday and will be here until Thursday.

M. Schompre stated he was here to obtain the goodwill of all sympathisers with France and the support of all Frenchmen.

Representatives of the Free French movement appointed so far are M. E. Brizay, Singapore; M. de Langlade, Federated Malay States; M. Ricard, Dutch East Indies; Major Vabre, Manila; and M. Villoquet, Philippines.

During his stay here, M. Schompre will call on H.E. the Acting Governor and other officials.

TWO REGISTRY
WEDDINGS

Two couples were married at the Registry yesterday, Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiating. The parties were:—

Mr. Chan Shu-kee, merchant, of No. 71, Des Voeux Road Central, and Miss Leung Ching-choi, of No. 28, Kimberley Road;

Mr. Ying Sze-yau, civil servant in the Chinese Central Government, residing at No. 242, Temple Street, second floor, and Miss Leung Suk-yin, of No. 10, Tai Wong Street West.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Kong Wai-leung, revenue officer, residing at No. 318, Reclamation Street, first floor, and Miss Leung Suk-yin, of No. 277, Reclamation Street, second floor.

POLICE REPORTS

Mr. Gregory, of No. 425, King's Road, reports that money and clothing to the total value of \$46 were stolen from his residence on Thursday.

The theft of a motor pump valued at \$100, from Kai Yin Terrace on Thursday has been reported by Mr. Ho Chenn-wun to the Police.

The Police has been informed of the theft of an electric motor, valued at \$75, the property of Mr. Ip Kau, from No. 35 Poho Street on Thursday.



Letters from overseas listeners being answered in the BBC's London headquarters. A very large number of such letters arrive daily and each one receives close attention and an individual reply. Letters from listeners are welcomed by the BBC.

WHY DID MUSSOLINI DECLARE WAR?

ITALY'S POSITION SEVEN
MONTHS AGO & TODAY

It is nearly seven months since Italy entered the war and the balance of those seven months cannot make pleasant reading for Signor Mussolini," said MR. COLLIN COOTE, The Times correspondent in Rome, when he broadcast from London yesterday on Italy's failure in the present hostilities.

"Seven months ago," continued Mr. Coote, "Signor Mussolini thought he was Herr Hitler's equal. When the two dictators met, Signor Mussolini gave himself the air of the little boy who thought he could teach his master all the tricks. Now he has had to beg for help from his master."

"SITTING PRETTY"

"Seven months ago, Italy was not affected by the British blockade and was able to get more goods than she required for her own consumption. On the whole, I think Italy had quite enough to eat."

"Seven months ago, Italy was in possession of vast tracts in Africa, many islands in the Mediterranean and she also had Albania. She was recognised, not legally, but practically as the most influential power amongst the Balkan States. She was 'sitting pretty' as the phrase goes."

"All these things make her declaration of war on June 10 the more puzzling," continued Mr. Coote. "She gave no reason except in the reply to Mr. Churchill's appeal that she was forced to go to war because she was bound in a pact of friendship with Germany. There are, indeed, strong reasons for thinking that Germany would have preferred Italy to continue a neutrality favourable to the Nazis. So long as Italy was neutral, this pitfall whereby Germany could be made to fight on two fronts could have been avoided."

LIKELY REASONS

"So we must look elsewhere for reasons why Signor Mussolini declared war," said Mr. Coote. "The first likely reason is that he resented the League of Nations trying to impose sanctions against him when he attacked Abyssinia. He forgets that he was the chief agent for making Abyssinia a member of the League. He thought that our reluctance to impose sanctions was due to weakness because he thought nothing of the League anyhow."

"I also believe myself that Signor Mussolini's vindictiveness against us went back further than the Abyssinian affair. We once said some biting things about his bombardment of Corfu and we managed to hurt the little man's self-esteem."

"I also believe that he wanted to make sure of a good share of the spoils after the defeat of France. When France collapsed, some Europeans and some outside Europe felt that we should collapse too in a few weeks. The importance of this view cannot be exaggerated."

"It explains many actions and attitudes. It helps to explain why Italy declared war. After all to loot France might have meant a lot, but to loot the British Empire was all."

HEAVY COST

"These miscalculations have cost Italy very dear. It has cost her her Empire and her prestige and Signor Mussolini has destroyed any moral and material improvement she has acquired. He has had to call in a large detachment of the German Air Force and there is no doubt that the Germans could flood in into Italy over Brenner Pass whenever they like."

"Italy now cannot decide what she will do. She cannot even argue what she should do," said Mr. Coote.

Mr. Coote went on to say how much the Germans despised the Italians. He cited as an example incidents in the last war when they drew cartoons of the Italian soldiers with the caption "Our magnificent troops showing great valour attacked the enemy and returned triumphantly with one petrol tin and a mule!"

Mr. Coote declared that he was of the opinion that Italy had lost her Empire. She had lost Cilicia and large areas already in Eritrea. The northern and southern frontiers of Abyssinia were now open to the British forces. Emperor Haile Selassie was back in his own country and there were few people who would not rejoice that this brave and dignified figure was coming into his own again.

ATTITUDE OF ITALIANS

The speaker continued to pay tribute to the work done by the British Navy and the Royal Air Force in these operations and then went on to comment on the possible attitude of the Italians themselves towards what had taken place.

"We see a procession of Fascist generals coming back from the front and a procession of Fascist ministers going towards the fighting line," he said. "This shows the outbreak of a very old quarrel between the Fascist chiefs and the Army chiefs."

Mr. Coote said that the Fascist chiefs had always been unpopular with the army. Marshal Badoglio had very little to do with the Fascists and he and his soldiers must have told the Fascist chiefs that this war into which they had been drawn was a bad gamble. The speaker said that he could well imagine the army chiefs feeling some sort of satisfaction that the lordly Count Ciano has had to take his place in the fighting line.

"I will not speculate on how far this quarrel will go," said Mr. Coote. "Moreover it is legitimate to recall the differences that exist between the different kinds of Italians. Those in the north have a greater independence than those in the south."

GROWING RESTLESSNESS

"The reports of revolution in the northern cities have not been confirmed and we must be on our guard against accepting reports from a country which rules its people with machine-guns, but there is a growing question of what this war is about. There is growing restlessness against Signor Mussolini's siding with the Germans against us. I found no enthusiasm for the war anywhere in Italy."

"The Fascists are in a bad way. They have brought humiliation on their country and on themselves and the only victory they can promise their people is the kind of victory that will enslave them to Germany."

Voluntary
Evacuation Of
Children

DUBLIN, Feb. 7 (Reuter)—The Government of Eire is arranging for the voluntary evacuation of children from Dublin City and Kingstown Borough in the event of a situation arising which would render such a course advisable.

The scheme covers families whose income do not exceed £300 per year, but all persons who intend to evacuate, whether they come within the Government scheme or not, have to register.

The scheme will be put into operation only if, and when, Government decide that safeguarding the lives of women and children is absolutely necessary.

CANADIAN AIR
TRAGEDY

WINNIPEG, Feb. 7 (Reuter)—All nine passengers and three of the crew were killed when a Trans-Canada Airlines plane crashed near Armstrong, Manitoba, yesterday.

THE DRAMA AT VICHY: WHAT HITLER IS AFTER

"Herr Hitler has to get, by hook or by crook, the help of France—that France they stabbed in the back," said Mr. CYRIL LAKIN, B.B.C. commentator, when he discussed the latest developments in Franco-German relations in a broadcast from London yesterday.

"That is why," he continued, "this drama is being played in Vichy and the week-end, they now say, will bring some clarification of the situation."

WAR OF NERVES

Mr. Lakin referred briefly to Admiral Darlan's trip to Paris to see Mr. Laval and to an interview which Admiral Leahy, the U.S. Ambassador to Vichy, had recently with Marshal Petain.

Mr. Lakin also said that General Wavell had declared yesterday that reports of impending German action against Bizerte were without foundation.

"The old war of nerves is being exerted on Vichy and Marshal Petain through M. Laval," said Mr. Lakin. "Marshal Petain dismissed M. Laval, as he said, in the interests of the country. Now, just six or seven weeks later, M. Laval, backed by Herr Hitler, appears to be addressing demands to Marshal Petain that he should be given the most important posts in the Government."

"Imagine what the ordinary logical and intelligent French men and women think of such a situation, especially when they hold M. Laval in such contempt, as the majority of them do? French opinion would regard M. Laval as Germany's agent inflicted upon the Marshal by German pressure."

FRENCH KNOW THE TRUTH

"The French people know where Britain stands in regard to them today. They know that Britain is sure of her own victory and the recent British victories in the Mediterranean have given them an idea of what is to follow. No German propaganda has been able to overcome the truth of the British victory over the Axis partner."

"Herr Hitler only means to devour France and to reduce her to the status of a third class power. The French people know that Mr. Churchill spoke the truth when he

What Will Hitler Do?

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sharpest weapon is being blunted. Front page news today is concerned with what he might do and what he can do."

Mr. Steed referred to the rapid British advance in Libya which had now culminated in Benghazi falling into British hands. He declared that this was a military feat which was unprecedented in modern warfare.

Then there was increasing German pressure on Bulgaria with the intention of pushing through Bulgaria to Greece and finally there was the new development in Vichy.

HITLER'S OBJECTIVE

"It seems certain," said Mr. Steed, "that Herr Hitler's objective in putting pressure on Marshal Petain, is to get control of the French Navy and to use the French port of Bizerte to make it difficult for the British forces in the Mediterranean and for Greece."

"All this brings us back to the central point—What would Hitler like to do and what can he do? There would not be much doubt on this problem, if Hitler is in a position to launch his attack on Britain. But if he makes this attack and he does not succeed, nothing he can do in South-East Europe will help his prestige. That is why I think he will try to succeed elsewhere before he tries to attack Britain."

"Whatever his press and wireless propaganda may say Herr Hitler is not so foolish to imagine that the help which United States is giving to the British cause does not matter. He knows that it does matter. He must strike a blow and the question is how soon this blow will be."

Mr. Steed went on to express the view that the successes against the Italian forces on three fronts would shortly enable the British fighting units there to be released for service elsewhere and service elsewhere means in Britain.

DIRECT BEARING

What was happening in the Mediterranean would have a direct bearing on Hitler's mind over his intentions against Britain. Unlike the war of 1914-1918 therefore, this war was anything but higgledy-piggledy. In Africa Musso-

lini's army was actually running away instead of retreating. The British, however, expected a stiffer resistance in Eritrea.

Mr. Steed referred to his knowledge of Eritrea and Abyssinia and recalled events in the previous war between Abyssinia and Italy.

In the near future, he said, Italy may throw up the sponge. In Abyssinia the Italians are being hard pressed in the south and the east. Emperor Haile Selassie was now in supreme command of the Abyssinian forces, and here Mr. Steed referred to Mr. Anthony Eden's recent statement in the House of Commons that the British Government will welcome the re-appearance of an independent Ethiopian state and would recognise the claims of Emperor Haile Selassie to the throne.

A STEP FORWARD

"This declaration is a great step forward," said Mr. Steed. "It was only two years and one month ago that the British Government recognised the King of Italy as the ruler of Abyssinia."

Mr. Steed declared that some years ago Field Marshal Goering had paid a most boastful tribute to the value of Italy as a military ally. That was what Herr Hitler meant the Rome-Berlin axis to be. The position today, however, was different.

"While Mussolini is dismissing prominent Fascists right and left," said Mr. Steed, "many were asking the question when the chief culprit himself would be dismissed."

"Herr Hitler," said Mr. Steed, "while endeavouring to send some useful help to Italy was, at the same time, trying to play his trump card in Vichy and to compel Marshal Petain to replace M. Laval and to put the French fleet at the disposal of the Germans."

It was possible that they will soon see M. Laval back in Vichy, but much would depend on how General Weyand would act if he was told not to obey the orders of Marshal Petain.

"We are on the eve of very important developments," said Mr. Steed, "we have taken the initiative and we have imposed our will on Signor Mussolini—Herr Hitler is not the only man with brains in his head."

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INCREASE IN BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES IN ENGLAND AND WALES

LONDON, Feb. 6 (BWS)—The quarterly return of births, deaths and marriages for the 13 weeks ended June 30, 1940, shows an increase in births and marriages in England and Wales.

The number of live births was 166,537, an increase of 2,231 over the June quarter of 1939. This is the highest number recorded for the June quarter since 1930.

Britain Winning The Air Battle

Ration Of Successes In Favour Of R.A.F.

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter)—"Britain must win the air war as a prelude to victory," declared Air Commodore Goddard in a broadcast last night.

He added that the recent lull meant that the German air force had been having difficulties. "We had got through the winter pretty well. Over 400 enemy aircraft were destroyed in the last two months."

The ratio of British successes to losses in December and January was three to one. Forty enemy planes—most of them the much vaunted German dive-bomber—had been shot down near Malta in the last two months with only two British losses.

It was a grand beginning. Since June, R.A.F. squadrons in the Middle East had destroyed over 350 Italian aeroplanes in the air and probably as many on the ground.

He disclosed that since June Britain had "collected" over 140 night bombers apart from those brought down in the sea. British night gunners had shot down most of them.

INDIAN TROOPS IN ERITREA

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7 (Reuter)—Details of the fine work of Indian troops in Eritrea now available here show that Punjab, Garhwal, Baluch and Frontier Force regiments fought throughout in the battle resulting in the occupation of Barentu.

The occupation followed a five-day battle fought by an Indian brigade through a narrow gorge and a ten-day battle fought along the Alcoota-Barentu road by another brigade.

With their experience of mountain warfare, the Indian troops excelled themselves in the difficult country around Barentu, routing the North-West Frontier, forcing the enemy to retreat from their mountain positions at the point of the bayonet and repulsing numerically superior attacks.

Indian troops are among those now advancing from Agordat to Keren.

Medical Work In Free China

"I am presenting this to you, doctors and doctors of the future, as past opportunities for service in China. That service is great. But ahead of us there lie many other opportunities, which are a challenge to us all for greater service in that vast country," said Dr. F. C. Yen in an inspiring lecture on "Medical Reconstruction in Free China," to members of the University Medical Society last night.

Among those present were H. E. Dr. W. W. Yen, Prof. Gordon King and Prof. R. C. Robertson.

"At the beginning of the Sino-Japanese war the Chinese Government adopted a dual programme of resistance and reconstruction," said Dr. Yen.

"Following this programme, medical work has been carried out along the line of reconstruction, in spite of the pressing needs for medical relief work."

According to the speaker, the line of medical education was the most important work done.

Dr. W. W. Yen said: "We look upon Hongkong University and the Peking Union Medical College to supply the medical doctors for our vast country."

The speaker was thanked by Prof. Robertson.

The Italo-Swiss frontier for goods and passengers has been closed, states a London message.—(Special)

Winant's Appointment Welcomed

The nomination of MR. JOHN G. WINANT as American Ambassador to Britain is warmly welcomed, states a London message.

The Times says Mr. Winant is a man slow to reach a decision but inflexible when convinced.

The Daily Telegraph writes that President Roosevelt has chosen a man of his own heart but not of his own party. Mr. Winant, if he came to London, would interpret his own country to the one he has been sent with the same sincerity and lofty purpose.—(Special)

OUTSIDE ROUTINE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (Reuter)—A suggestion that Mr. Winant is destined to fulfil more than an Ambassador's conventional role is made by the New York Herald Tribune which, in approving his selection, finds it, like that of Lord Halifax to the United States, outside the usual diplomatic routine.

Bad Weather On Albanian Front

LONDON, Feb. 7 (BWS)—Very little news is available in London from the Albanian front where fighting is taking place in exceptionally bad weather.

It appears that the Italian resistance is somewhat firmer which, considering the state of the weather and the type of country as well as the fact that the Italians are retreating on to their own bases, is to be expected.

The latest Greek communique states "Activity is restricted to patrols and artillery."

Mr. Henry Stimson, U.S. Secretary for War, stated in Washington that U.S. aircraft production will be considerably accelerated, states a London message.—(Special)

PORTUGUESE GOVT. OFFER TO BELLIGERENTS

"SAFETY CITIES" FOR CHILDREN

LISBON, Feb. 7 (Reuter)—A project for the centralising in Portugal of international efforts to protect children from the consequences of aerial warfare, is to be made officially by the Portuguese Government to all belligerent Powers.

A plan was unofficially put forward recently in the newspaper, *Diário de Noticias*, urging the establishment of "safety cities" in all countries at war where children would be guaranteed freedom from bombardment.

"Let us centralise in Portugal and co-ordinate the magnificent work of International Red Cross units," wrote the newspaper.

"This generation representing the Europe of to-morrow cannot be held responsible for the bloody conflict now proceeding in Europe. It is a question of saving from the dread and fear and inevitable physical debility of thousands of children—English, German, French, Italian, Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian and Greek without distinction."

LEASE AND LEND BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (Reuter)—By 206 to 145 votes the House of Representatives today defeated the first attempt to change the original text of the Lend and Lease Bill.

The proposal was to supplant the Bill with another bill under which aid to Britain will be supplied out of a credit of \$2,000,000,000.

Lord Halifax is having conferences with the U.S. State Department with a view to the exchange of Ministers between Washington and Wellington, New Zealand.—(Special)

MR. CURRIE ARRIVES IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Feb. 7 (Reuter)—Mr. Laughlin Currie and Mr. Emile Despres, members of the United States Economic Mission to China, arrived by air this morning from Hongkong.

They were accompanied by Mr. Hollington Tong, personal representative of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and also Mr. W. L. Bond of Pan American Airways.

A large number of representatives of the Chinese Government offices and public bodies welcomed the mission at the Chungking air field.

Immediately after the arrival, members of the mission, accompanied by a representative of the United States Embassy, crossed the Yangtze River and proceeded to the South Bank where they will be housed with Mr. Nelson T. Johnson during their stay in China's war-time capital.

DEATH OF SIR CAMPBELL ROSE

River Improvement In N. China

The death was announced in London yesterday at the age of 76 of Sir Campbell Rose, K.C.S.I., states a London message.

Sir Campbell Rose was a retired Civil Engineer. He was educated at Trinity College, Glenside, and the Royal Engineering College, Cooper's Hill.

He joined the Public Works Department of the Government of India, 1866, and was attached to the Irrigation Branch of that Department in the Punjab. He was an additional member of the Indian Legislative Council from 1916-1919, and retired from the service in India in the latter year.

Sir Campbell did splendid work as Chief Engineer to the Commission for the Improvement of the River System of Chihli Province in North China.—(Special)

Capture Of Benghazi

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"I wonder how Signor Mussolini is now going to explain Benghazi to his people—that is when they are allowed to hear of its fall, because Rome radio is still saying that there is a big battle going on there."

FASCISM IS DEAD

"The capture of Benghazi shows, as a Turkish newspaper pointed out yesterday, that the Italian Empire has melted away in eight short months. An American correspondent went further by stating that Fascism is dead and that there is no more Fascism in Italy—only a Fascist corpse being held up by the Nazis. Italy will only be kept in the war by the complete domination of German troops to such a pass has Signor Mussolini now brought his people and his Empire."

AUSTRALIA ELECTRIFIED BY THE NEWS

Australia has been electrified to hear the news that Benghazi has fallen to the Army of the Nile, states a message from Sydney. It is felt that this is a shattering blow to the Italians and that it also illustrates the astonishing striking force of General Wavell's army. The military correspondent of the London DAILY HERALD foresees the remnants of the Italian forces falling into a veritable death trap between Benghazi and Tripoli.—(Special)

PETAIN RECEIVES ADML. LEAHY

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter)—Marshal Petain yesterday received Admiral Leahy, the United States Ambassador, according to a Vichy message by the official German news agency.

23-Year-Old Bullet

In April, 1917, admitted to a base hospital under the care of Professor G. Grey Turner, now Professor of Surgery at the University of London, was a 32-year-old soldier who had been hit by a machine-gun bullet, believed to have gone through his left arm before penetrating the chest.

Radiography showed the bullet with its base probably anchored near the tip of the left ventricle, pulsing with the heart beat, and with the point being whirled about in the blood vortex in the heart cavity.

Because there was danger of the bullet becoming dislodged and causing a fatal embolism or obstruction of the artery, Professor Turner decided to operate.

During the operation the doctor found the heart muscle round the wound surprisingly tough, was unable to locate the bullet by palpitation.

STRAIGHT NEEDLE The region round the scar and the area near the ventricular base were explored by puncture with a straight needle. Further punctures with the needle were made to discover the bullet, and finally the posterior surface of the heart, high up behind the ventricle, was exposed by rotating the heart, which the doctor took in his hand for thorough palpitation. Method revealed something hard and elongated in the centre of the heart, which stopped beating as soon as mild pressure was applied to the base. The operation took an hour and

BIG CANADIAN AIR PLANS

In Ottawa, Mr. C. G. Power, the Canadian Air Minister, said that the revised cost of plans would be \$1,000,000,000, the original cost being \$600,000,000, states a London message.

There were now 83 units and 68 actual flying schools and 15,000 applications for air crew training. Under this speed-up 30,000 Canadians will be enlisted.—(Special)

Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay has been leased to the U.S. Navy Department for the duration of the present war, states a London message. It will be a powerful air and naval base.—(Special)

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Communion Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 9 Septuagesima

Sunday, 8 a.m. Holy Communion

followed by Communion Fellowship

Breakfast. All welcome.

10 a.m. Junior Sunday School.

Young People's Service. 11

a.m. Matins and Sermon.

Preacher: Rev. H. D. Rosenthal.

6.15 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Preacher: Rev. H. A. Wittenbach.

The Sunday Club meets as usual in

the Hall after this service.

Monday, Feb. 10—10 a.m. Medical

War Working Party for China.

8.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Club.

Debate: "That modern Scientific

Discoveries and Developments

have brought more evil than good

in their train."

Tuesday, Feb. 11—9 p.m. Service

of Intercession in connection with

the War.

Wednesday, Feb. 12—5.30 p.m.

Wolf Cubs meet in the Hall. 8.45

p.m. Rovers meet at 11 Cumber-

land Road, Kowloon Tong.

Thursday, Feb. 13—10 a.m.

Medical War Working Party for

China.

Friday, Feb. 14—5.30 p.m. Scouts

meet in the Hall. 5.30 p.m. Choir

Practice.

The rooms of St. Andrew's Fel-

lowship are open daily from 10

a.m. to 11 p.m.

CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

SEPTUAGESIMA: PORTUGUESE MARTYR: LOURDES AND DR. ALEXIS CARREL

A NEW PERIOD OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR BEGINS TOMORROW WITH SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY. The Christmas cycle, which began with Advent, is now completed and Septuagesima ushers in the new one, the Paschal cycle, which continues to the octave of Pentecost. This Paschal cycle has three sections. The first is from Septuagesima until Ash Wednesday, a preliminary period, a kind of introduction to the Lenten period. Lent makes up the second. Easter to Pentecost forms the third.

Though Lent is pre-eminently the penitential season, the necessity of penance is also stressed in the prayers of this time, and the idea of seeking pardon from sin is prominent in the liturgy. As always in the prayers of the Church, the thought of reward is put side by side with that of punishment.

The Epistle of tomorrow's Mass is an extract from one of St. Paul's letters, in which he told the people of Corinth that there was a prize for life as for a race, and that he treated himself with severity so that he might be fit in spirit as athletes are in body. The Gospel, too, deals with the subject of reward. It recounts Christ's parable of the householder who engaged labourers for the vineyard and rewarded even those who worked only from the eleventh hour—a most comforting message to those who have long delayed their repentance.

PORTUGUESE MARTYR There is a movement on foot in Portugal to petition for the canonisation of a great Portuguese missionary martyr, Blessed John de Brito. He is given special prominence in Portuguese history because he was associated with the royal family in childhood and was brought up at court.

In spite of considerable opposition he became a Jesuit and was sent to India, to the Madura mission. He joined the Brahmin caste and carried on a very successful apostolate, though he met with much opposition and was twice imprisoned and was cruelly treated while in prison.

He was sent back to Europe for a brief visit on business in connection with his Order, and the King, Peter II, wanted to keep him in order to make him the tutor of his children. When he succeeded in returning to India he was offered an archbishopric, but he refused it, and returned to the missionary work which he performed with such success.

Opposition rose against him because he converted a prince to Christianity and made him abandon plurality of wives. The family of one of the former wives procured his arrest, and he was beheaded. He lived in the seventeenth century and was beatified nearly a century ago by Pope Pius IX. His feast-day was last week.

LOURDES, DR. ALEXIS CARREL The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which occurs next Tuesday, draws attention to Lourdes and to the cures which are reported from it. While many people scoff at the claim that diseases

which medical science considers incurable have been cured there, it happens that one of the world's leading doctors, Alexis Carrel, among its most staunch supporters. Dr. Carrel is Director of the Rockefeller Medical Research Institute, New York, and in his well-known book MAN THE UNKNOWN, acknowledges the evidence of cures recorded by the Medical Bureau of Lourdes.

It was as a young Professor of Medicine in Lyons that Dr. Carrel first came into contact with Lourdes. A patient of his who was suffering from tubercular peritonitis was declared by him to be incurable, and when she decided to go to Lourdes he accompanied her and saw her cured. He wrote an account of it and added: "without commentary."

On returning to Lyons and admitting the cure he was told that if he believed in such things his place was not among the Doctors of Lyons. He then went to America and achieved world fame, while those who opposed him remained in obscurity.

CATHOLIC NOVELS Some years ago when Mgr. Ronald Knox wrote his first detective stories he was criticised by many on the ground that as a priest he ought to spend his time more usefully. He was satisfied, however, that he was doing a good work in writing novels which, while not propagandist, had a Catholic atmosphere—that is, had characters or surroundings that were Catholic.

Others have since followed Mgr. Knox and some new thrillers with Catholic characters have since been produced. One is DEATH AND HIS BROTHER by Miss Margaret Bidwell, which was published recently. It is a mystery story with an ingenious plot, and with a hero and heroine who, while being quite normal persons, are also Catholics.

This author is new, but Charles Barry is not. He had his Inspector Gilmartin are well known. He does not obtrude the Catholicity but it is there all the same. His latest story does not introduce Gilmartin but it has a good substitute. It is called THE DEAD HAVE NO MOUTHS.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Annual Meeting SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

8 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Matins and sermon, Preacher, Rev. D. M. Richards, 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, Preacher, The Dean. The SOCIAL HOUR will be held in the hall immediately after Evensong, and all will be welcomed.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on—7.30 a.m. Thursday 7.45 a.m. Friday (in Cantonese)

NOTICE FOR THE WEEK Annual Meeting of all Cathedral electors in the Cathedral Hall Monday February 10th, at 5.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.

Badminton in the Cathedral Hall, on Monday 8 p.m. Sick Intercessions on Thursday 10.15

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Cairne Road:

Septuagesima Sunday, Morning services: 1st Mass at 8 with sermon in Chinese, 2nd Mass at 8 with sermon in English, 3rd Mass at 10 with sermon in English. Evening services: at 3.30 Catechetical Instruction, at 4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction. Feb. 11—Apparition of Our Lady at Lourdes, Feb. 13—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction at 5.30 p.m. On week days Mass at 6 and 7.30, Confessions morning and evening.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH Feb. 9, Septuagesima Sunday: 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese, 8 a.m. Choral Mass, Sermon in English and Benediction. 9 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in English.

On week-days Holy Mass at 8.30 and 7.15 a.m. Feb. 14, Friday, at 6 p.m. Service of Intercession with the Way of the Cross.

FUNERAL OF MR. L. A. MARTIN

The funeral of Mr. Lawrence Anthony Martin, who died at St. Teresa's Hospital yesterday morning, aged 27, took place at the Catholic Cemetery in the afternoon.

The Rev. Fr. A. Granelli officiated.

The late Mr. Martin who was connected with Messrs. John D. Hutchison and Co., was a member of the Emergency Unit of the Police Reserve and is survived by his mother and younger sister.

Besides the chief mourners, others present at the funeral were Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Messrs. P. S. Cassidy, E. Manning, H. A. Alves, M. M. Mendonca, E. D. Fisher, F. A. Broadbridge, B. A. Castro, E. Fong, F. Wong, and C. A. R. Remedios, Misses T. Gonzales, E. Chinn, G. Pang, L. Charrington I. Chung and many others.

Many floral tributes were sent.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Septuagesima Sunday. First Mass and General Communion at 8 a.m. Second Mass at 10 a.m., followed by Benediction. This Service will be broadcast. Sermon by Rev. Father G. Byrne S.J. on: "The parable of the labourers in the vineyard." Tues. Apparition of Our Lady at Lourdes. On week days, Holy Mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are heard every day, before and after Mass. On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 to 8 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

31 Macdonnell Road Service on Sunday, February 9. The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow will be "Spirit."

The Golden Text will be: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy: "Spirit being God, there is but one Spirit; for there can be but one infinite and therefore one God... the theory, that Spirit is distinct from matter but must pass through it, or into it, to be individualized, would reduce God to dependency on matter, and establish a basis for pantheism." (Science and Health Page 334).

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.), No. 31 Macdonnell Road close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday 8 p.m. A Reading Room is maintained in the Church Building and is open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8.30 to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian literature is available at the Reading Room.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

FRATERNITY PRAYER ROOM

77, Pokfulam Road Saturday, 8.30 p.m. Fellowship meeting. Subject, "The two Babylons." Sunday, 9.45 p.m.—Service of the Lord's Supper. 8.30 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Refugees In The Colony

A decrease of 39 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in the urban and rural areas is recorded in the Returns for the week ending on Feb. 1.

Urban Areas (Civilians)

King's Park: 1,297 against 1,399 on Jan. 25.

Ma Tau Chung: 1,388 against 1,390 on Jan. 25.

North Point: 1,468 against 1,466 on Jan. 25.

Morrison Hill: 539 against 538 on Jan. 25.

Urban Areas (Soldiers)

In Hospital: 22 against 23 on Jan. 25.

Argyle Street: 699 against 699 on Jan. 25.

Urban Areas (Squatters' Camps)

Tai Hang: 2,577 against 2,577 on Jan. 25.

Ngau Tau Kok: 798 against 798 on Jan. 25.

Rural Areas

Kam Tin: 1,846 against 1,876 on Jan. 25.

Fanning Children's Camp: 298 against 303 on Jan. 25.

Total: 10,910 against 10,949 on Jan. 25.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH

The Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, Hongkong

Septuagesima, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 8 p.m. Short Evening Service, Preacher, (The Chaplain Refreshments are served after the evening service.

N.B.—The Church is open to the general public.

CHRIST CHURCH KOWLOON TONG

The Reverend H. A. Wittenbach to preach at Matins.

Sunday, Feb. 9—Septuagesima. Services in English: 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 9.45 a.m. Matins and Sermon. Preacher Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, Acting-Vicar of St. Andrew's. Hymns: 1. 254 Now that the daylight—(Tune Melcombe); 2. 451. O God, thy power is wonderful; 3. 152. Come down, O love divine; 4. 372. Bright the vision.

8.30 p.m. Evensong.

Services in Mandarin: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. Sunday School 9 a.m. in

Feb. 12, Wolf Cub Pack meets in the Vicarage grounds at 4.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13. (N.B. The time of the week-day services of Holy Communion will be changed as from to-day to 7 a.m., instead of 7.15 a.m. as before). 7 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Meeting of the Guild of Martha and Mary in the Vicarage. 6 p.m. Choir practice in the Church. Friday, Feb. 14. The Vicarage will be open from 8 p.m. to members of the Christ Church Fellowship and their friends for games. Every Friday night from now on, the house will be a club from 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15. Tennis 2.30 p.m., weather permitting.

Note: The Monthly Notes will be published early next week.

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

(Chapel, 25 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong)

The Rev. John Bechtel, Pastor. Sunday Services: In English, 10 a.m. Worship. Speaker, Rev. John Bechtel. Subject: "Sons of God."

Text: John 3:1-3. 6.30 p.m. Young People's Meeting. Speaker: Mr. Bechtel. Subject: "The Meaning of the Cross of Christ." In Cantonese, 11 a.m. Worship. 3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.30 p.m. Evangelistic Meeting.

No. 1 Company Feb. 10, K.C.R. Station, 8 a.m.

Artistic Meeting. Mid-week Service. In Cantonese. Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Evangelistic Prayer Meeting.

No. 2 Company Feb. 11, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All deficient in kit.

Feb. 14, H.Q. Advance Party, 9 a.m. Remainder, 2.15 p.m. Camp.

Field Company Engineers Feb. 13, K.C.R., 5.30 p.m. Pay parade and Arms drill. Dress—Muti. Overalls to be brought.

Corps Signals Feb. 9, H.Q., 9 a.m. Those detailed. Dress—Uniform. Jacket and trousers.

Feb. 10, H.Q., 5.20 p.m. (i) B Group. Morse instruction. (ii) C Group. Lamp reading.

Feb. 12, H.Q., 2 p.m. (i) No. 1 Area. Line Tests. (ii) No. 2 Area. Instrument and Resistance Check. (iii) B Group. Field Signalling Exercise. (iv) C Group. Signal training at H.Q. (v) Evening parade (a) Recruits, Miniature Range. (b) Remainder, Signal Training.

Feb. 14, H.Q., 2 p.m. (i) Recruits. Miniature Range. Empire Tests. (ii) No. 4 Detach. Mainland Recon. (iii) Classified Men. Field Signalling Exercise. (iv) Evening Parade. Signal training as detailed.

Feb. 14 is last date that Camp Pay will be issued.

Mobile Column Feb. 10, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. (i) All Ranks. Pay parade. (ii) N.C.O's. Class. Dress as before.

Feb. 12, Hung Hom, 8 a.m. All Platoons. Exercise in the New Territories. Dress—Shorts, cardigan, R.T.R. cap. Equipment—Battle Order.

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Feb. 14, Upper Parade Ground, 5.30 p.m. All Platoons. Dress—Overalls. R.T.R. Cap. Equipment—Belt, bayonet, frog. Classes 4 and 5 only. Class 1. Theory of S.A. fire. Classes 2 and 3. Musketry. Classes 4 and 5. Drill with arms and discipline.

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Finance and Commerce

PROPERTY BOOM DUE TO WAR

Notwithstanding numerous new laws necessitated by the war, restricting the free movement of general trade and investment, land and house property showed, throughout the year under review, an upward tendency, state Cheong Koon Seng & Company, Limited, in their property report for 1940.

The restriction on remittances out of the Colony and on investment in foreign countries contributed in a large degree to the prosperous conditions prevailing in the property market.

Vacant dwelling houses, especially bungalows and compound houses, found ready tenants on account of the large number of the Services stationed here, and the year closed with a scarcity of vacant dwelling houses.

Many compound and bungalow houses were constructed during the year.

SITE DIFFICULTY

Owing to the difficulty of finding suitable sites in the proximity of the town and of procuring sufficient building materials at reasonable prices, the number was still short of the demand.

The demand for shophouses in the business quarters greatly exceeded the supply, and in several instances prices reached a boom level, investors being content with a small return.

Since the passing of the Increase of Rent (Restriction) Ordinance, compound houses did not enjoy the same high level of prices.

Sea-side properties were, in many cases, directly affected by defence measures, and the fear that they might at any time be required for military purposes rendered them unsaleable.

Rubber estates also received their share of attention but would be sellers and buyers had widely divergent ideas as to prices, and transactions were consequently few.

Auction sales and sales by private treaty were numerous, but mortgagees' sales were few.

Repair Of Kwangtung River Dykes

SHIUKWAN, Feb. 7 (Central).—The Kwangtung Provincial Government has drawn up a project for repairing the main dykes along the West River and the North River as a precaution against floods. Repair funds include \$100,000 appropriated from the provincial treasury and \$200,000 from the national treasury. The Pearl River Conservancy Bureau will be responsible for the repairs.

BELGIAN GOLD IN FRANCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—The exiled Belgian Government is attempting to obtain possession of about \$280,000,000 gold sent to France for safe keeping during the Nazi invasion of Belgium.

M. Theunis, the Belgian Government's representative in the United States, stated the New York State Supreme Court has authorised a writ to attach the Bank of France funds at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York up to that sum as security.

His London Government has been informed the gold is being sent by air to France from Africa for the Germans.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Quiet conditions continue to prevail, the bulk of the turnover being in Banks and Government 3½% Loan. During the past week, the volume of business was on a small scale.

BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK.

H.K. Banks, \$1405, \$1410.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$167½.
Wharves, \$98.
Docks (N), \$17.
Providents, \$54.
Hotels, \$3.55.
Lands, \$34.35, \$34.
Trams, \$17.90.
Lights (O), \$6.30, \$6.10.
Electric (O), \$40½, \$40½, \$40.35.
Electric (N), \$39½.
Ropes, \$9, \$9½, \$9.10, \$9, \$8.90.
Dairy Farms, \$19.20.
Watsons, \$11.15, \$11.10.
Constructions (O), \$1.60.
Constructions (N), 80 Cts.
Land Debentures, 97½.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934), 92½.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1405.
Bank of East Asia, \$76.
Union Ins., \$410.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$165.
Lands, \$34.25.
Star Ferries, \$58.
Lights (O), \$6.
Entertainments, \$7.

SELLERS

Hotels, \$3.60.
Trams, \$18.20.
Lights (O), \$6.25.
Ropes, \$8.80.
SALES
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan, 92.25 Cts.
H.K. Banks, \$1410.
Hotels, \$3.50.
Lands, \$34.25.
Lights (O), \$6.10.
Ropes, \$8½.
Entertainments, \$7.20.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Friday, Feb. 7, 1941.

SALES
H.K. Banks 2 \$1,400.00
H.K. Docks (O) 200 17.75
H.K. Hotels 500 3.50
Entertainments 100 7.20
802
The total value is \$3,820.00.
Govt. Loans 3½% \$9,000 at 92½ Cts.

WEEKLY RETURNS AND REPORTS BANK OF ENGLAND

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Reuter).	Jan. 30	Feb. 6
(000's Omitted)		
Public Deposits	32,270	32,840
Other Deposits:—		
Banks	107,880	118,800
Other Accounts	53,010	51,670
Total	160,890	169,470
Government Securities	149,950	141,200
Other Securities:—		
Discounts and Advances	3,820	3,330
Securities	25,460	19,520
Total	29,280	22,850
Notes and Coins	32,040	30,240
Total Bullion	1,220	1,300
Notes in circulation	599,200	601,050
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	16.55%	17.15%
Price of Gold at which holdings are valued ..	168/-	168/-

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (Reuter)	Feb. 1 (1940)	Jan. 30	Feb. 6
(000's Omitted)			
Bills Bought	2,477,000	2,184,000	2,184,000
U.S. Securities held	87.50%	91.11%	91.22%
Federal Reserve Ratio	2,503,000	2,228,000	2,217,000
Federal Reserve Credit Outstanding	17,931,000	22,110,000	22,177,000
Monetary Gold Stocks	10,373,000	7,871,000	7,871,000
Industrial Advances			

BUILDING WANTED FOR WELFARE UNIT

"I am anxious to obtain this building as a clinic for our Child Welfare, which, at the present moment, occupies a two-storey house further down the road, and it is proving too small for the work."

Dr. W. L. Blakemore, Health Officer, Rural Area, addressed these words to the Rent Assessment Board, today, in support of an application by Messrs. A. T. Edwards & Co., Ltd., agents for Messrs. Credit Foncier D'Extreme Orient, for an ejectment order against Sim Hin Seng, the occupant of a house in East Coast Road.

Dr. Blakemore stated that the ground floor of the present premises was used for a clinic, and the upper for the staff to live in. He added that there were 8,000 attendances in 1938, and during the past year the figure was only 43 short of 12,000.

The building occupied by the respondent, continued Dr. Blakemore, was much bigger and would be more convenient, adding that the larger space upstairs could accommodate more staff, as would be provided according to the estimates for the year.

THREE REASONS

At the outset, Mr. M. J. Nassim, of Messrs. A. T. Edwards & Co., Ltd., gave three reasons in support of the application, namely, that (1) the respondent had sub-let the premises without permission, (2) the place was in a very dirty and insanitary condition and (3) the premises were wanted for the Child Welfare Society. Sim Hin Seng said that the house was the only one in the vicinity for which the Municipality would grant a coffee-shop licence, but he was prepared to give up the premises if he were to be granted a licence for his other shop, three houses away. Sim said he was afraid that the licence for the latter shop would be cancelled this year and could not then be renewed.

The Board, consisting of Messrs. B. F. Bridge (President), C. F. Snell, F. D. Thompson and D. Philip, adjourned hearing to Jan. 30.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—In the Stock Exchange yesterday, hesitant conditions prevailed at the outset and some marking down in prices occurred but in the absence of any selling pressure the markets closed steadier.

Industrials, especially Tobaccos, were dominated by fears of taxation and Oils were occasionally a shade off. Kafirs closed steady.

Among foreign bonds Japanese Loans further hardened and the Brazilian and Belgian issues also improved.

Wall Street was firm.

CHINESE CENSUS

CHUNGKING, Feb. 7 (Central).—The Ministry of Interior has issued a circular telegram to the different provincial governments, asking them to complete census-taking in their respective provinces and hand in the statistics as soon as possible. Any change hereafter is to be reported to the Ministry every three months.

CHINESE GOVT. WAR BONDS

Committee Formed To Expedite Sales

CHUNGKING, Feb. 7 (Central).—A War Bonds Campaign Committee has been organised in Chungking. Its function is to solicit subscriptions to China's war bonds, including the Gold Loan for National Reconstruction and the Loan for Military Supply of 1940.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is concurrently Chairman, Dr. H. Kung Vice-Chairman, while members of the People's Political Council, high provincial officials, speakers of provincial assemblies and diplomatic and consular envoys are members. Mr. Huang Yen-pai is concurrently Chairman of the Standing Committee of 24 members and Secretary-General.

A campaign for subscription to war bonds will soon be started. A Press reception will be held on Feb. 10 when the programme of the campaign will be announced.

WATERY BUTTER

The Minnedosa Creamery owned by the People's Co-operative Company Limited, Winnipeg, Manitoba, was fined \$10, plus \$9.25 costs in the police court at Minnedosa, Manitoba, on November 29, 1940, for having manufactured creamery butter containing more than the legal maximum amount of water.

The manufacture of butter with a water content above this figure is considered to be adulteration by the addition of excessive water and is a violation of Section 6 (2) of the Dairy Industry Act.

PRE-PAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following classes of advertisements are charged at the price given below:—

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WE PAY HIGH PRICES for all gold and silver articles. Jade, diamonds, jewels, watches, fountain pens. Apply Far East Diamond and Gold Refining Co. Room 621, China Building, 6th floor.

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H.K. LANDS TO PAY FINAL DIVIDEND

At a Board Meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd. held yesterday morning the Directors decided to recommend a Final Dividend of \$1.50 per share for the year ended Dec. 31 1940, making, together with the Interim Dividend, a total of \$2.50 per share, for the period under review.

Norwegians Operate Outlaw Wireless

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Reuter).—Norwegians have been sentenced to death by the German Military Tribunal at Bergen, according to the Norwegian Telegraph Agency here. They were charged with transmitting information about German armed forces on a secret wireless set.

FLOUR MILL FOR KWANGTUNG

SHIUKWAN, Feb. 7 (Central).—The Reconstruction Department of the Kwangtung Provincial Government will shortly establish a flour mill to meet the increasing demand of the product.

The plans and budget of the mill have been drawn up and presented to the Provincial Government for approval. An order for the necessary machinery has been placed with a machine factory in Kweilin and the site of the mill has been chosen at a point between Lokohong and Shiukwan.

BROKERS' LOANS

New York, Feb. 6 (Reuter). Loans on securities to brokers in New York:—
Wk.-ended Wk.-ended Wk.-ended
1/2/40 30/1/41 6/2/41
\$475,000,000 \$321,000,000 \$297,000,000

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

FEBRUARY 7, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	435
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	102 1/2
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 1/2	
On demand	102 1/2
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 9/16	
Credits, 60 days sight 24 5/16	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	44 1/8
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	102 1/4
On Manila:—	
On demand	47 1/8
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 5/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Friday, Feb. 7.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23/15 for both deliveries. Silver advances reported the market as being very quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 Feb. ruary/April, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

23 7/8 sellers for Cash, buyers at 23 15/16 Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Some business was arranged at 449 1/4, and 449. The market closed with sellers 449 for cash, buyers bidding 449 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3 21/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5 5/16, both sellers for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon. U. S. Dollars were a shade steadier.

STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 Feb. ruary/April, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 23 15/16 for Cash, buyers at 24 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Some business was arranged at 448 3/4. The market closed with sellers at 448 3/4 buyers bidding 449.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Feb. 7 (Reuter)

Official T.T. Rates	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-5/16	0/3-5/16
New York	5-1/4	5-1/4
Japan	22-1/4	22-1/4
India	18-3/4	18-3/4
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	22-1/2	22-1/2

Sterling

Sellers	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-21/64	0/3-21/64
Feb.	0/3-21/64	0/3-21/64
Mar.	0/3-19/64	0/3-5/16

U. S. Dollars

Sellers	Opening	Closing
Spot	\$5-5/16	\$5-5/16
Feb.	\$5-5/16	\$5-5/16
Mar.	\$5-1/4	\$5-9/32

Market: Quiet but steady.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Equalisation rate was 23-1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Feb. 6 (Reuter). T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Feb. 6 (Reuter). Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 95-04-0.

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb. 6 (Reuter). Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 163/-

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET (REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Feb. 6, 1941.

	High	Low	Prev. Today's	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.39	10.35	10.31	10.36	.05 up
New York Rubber, March	19.88	19.80	19.80b	19.84b	.04 up
Chicago Wheat, May	83 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	82 1/2	81 1/2	82	81 1/2	1 off
New York Hides, March	12.73	12.70	12.66b	12.71	.05 up

NEW YORK COTTON Close Opening Closing Change

March	10.31/31	10.36/36	10.36/36	.05 up
May	10.32/32	10.37/37	10.34/34	.02 up
July	10.21/22	10.26/27	10.24/24	.03 up
October	9.72/72	9.78/78	9.74/74	.02 up
December	9.68/68	9.73/74	9.74/71	.03 up
January	9.64 N	9.70 A	9.67 N	.03 up
Spot	10.86		10.91	.05 up

Total sales Wednesday:—71,800 bales

The first notice day for March Cotton is 25/2/41 and last day is 14/3/41.

NEW YORK RUBBER

March	19.80b/82a	19.65b	19.84b/85a	.04 up
May	19.67/68	19.55b/70a	19.73/73	.06 up
July (New contract)	19.53/53	19.40b/53a	19.55/57	.02 up
September	19.43 N	19.25b/43a	19.38 N	.05 off

Total sales:—640 tons

CHICAGO WHEAT

May	82 1/2/82 1/2	82 1/2/82 1/2	82 1/2/82 1/2	1 off
July	76 1/2/76 1/2	76 1/2/76 1/2	76 1/2/76 1/2	unch.
September	76 1/2/76 1/2	76 1/2/76 1/2	76 1/2/76 1/2	unch.

Wednesday's sales:—7,653,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May	62/62	62 1/2/62 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	1 off
July	61 1/2/61 1/2	62/62	61 1/2/61 1/2	1 off
September	61 1/2/61 1/2		61 1/2/61 1/2	1 off

NEW YORK HIDES

March	12.66b/75a	12.66b/78a	12.71/71	.05 up
June	12.36b/39a	12.32b/50a	12.35/38	.01 off

Total sales for the day:—41 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA

March	5.06/05	5.07/07	5.16 N	.10 up
May	5.14 N	5.15/15	5.25 N	.09 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

March	2.00b/01a		2.00b/01a	unch.
May	2.05b/06a		2.05b/06a	unch.

Volume of business done:—113 lots

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

March	.69b/70a	.69b/70a	.69b/70a	unch.
May	.73b/73a	.72b/73a	.73b/73a	unch.

Volume of business done:—58 lots.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

March	11.45b/48a	11.38b/50a	11.42b/45a	.03 off
July	11.30/30	11.25b/32a	11.25b/30a	.05 off
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4		34-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/4		4.03	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE (REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Feb. 6.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2 (Red. after 1952) 103-7/16.

Defence Loan, 3 1/2 101-1/4.

Janitor-Klown Rly. 5% 13

Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 44

Chinese 5 1/2 Gold Bonds 1925/47 42 to 47

Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan, 1908 45

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912 26

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 34

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers) 10

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% 47

Loan 16

Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue) 15

Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) 13

Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913 14

Shai-N'Kung Rly. 5% 19

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15

Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924 22 1/2

Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924 5-1/2

Chartered Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 8-3/4

H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 81

H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.) 83

Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 18 1/2

Chosen Corporation 4 1/2

Mercantile Bank of India, £5, "G" 11-1/8

Pekin Syndicate 1/8

Shai Elec. Const. Co., 15-1/2

Shai Waterworks "A" 13-1/2

Union Insurance 20

Gula Kalumpung Rubber Lon., Mid. & Scot. Rly. 15 1/2

Great Western Rly. 35 1/2

National Bank of India 31 1/2

S. A. Tob. (bearer) 90

Dunlop Rubber 33/9

Bristol Aeroplane 10/6

Imperial Chemical Ind. 28/3

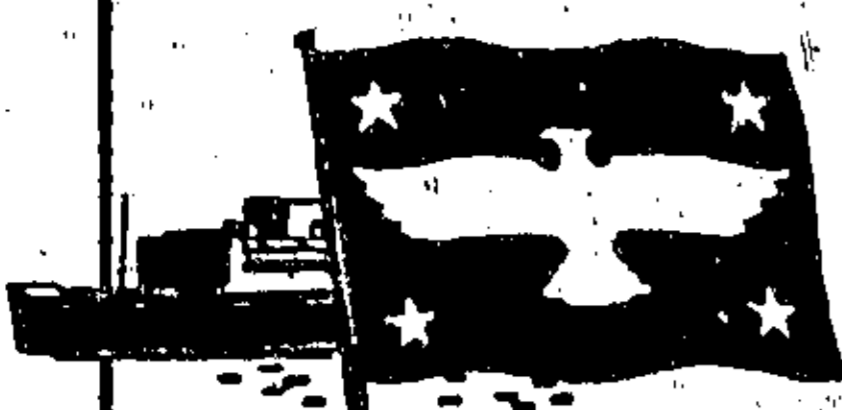
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION (REUTER'S SERVICE)

FEBRUARY 7, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
	Feb. 6		Feb. 6
Adams Express	6	Loft Incorporated	18 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2
Allis Chalmers	33 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	28 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	71 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	26 1/2
Amer. Can	87 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	34	M'tain City Copper Co.	3 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	13 1/2	National Aviation	9 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	16 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	14 1/2	National Distillers	21 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18 1/2	National Lead	16 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	Nat. Fower & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	42 1/2	New York Central	13 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	14 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	163 1/2	N. American Aviation	15
Amer. Tobacco "B"	72	North American Co.	15 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	6 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Anaconda Copper	25	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	45
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	23	Pacific Gas & Elec.	28 1/2
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Packard Motors	3
Baldwin Lecomotive	17 1/2	Pan-American Airways	13 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Paramount Pictures	12
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	1 1/2
Bendix Aviation	35 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	37 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	83 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	28 1/2
Bills & Co.	17 1/2	Pullman Inc.	25 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	162	Pure Oil	8
Borg-Warner	17 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	22 1/2	Reading Company, Com	13 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	51 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	31	Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2
Case, J.I.	50	Republic Steel	19 1/2
Celanese	25 1/2	Revere Corp.	9 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	41 1/2	Reynold Tobacc. "B"	33 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	65 1/2	Safeway Stores	40
Columbia Gas & Elec.	44	Schenley Distillers	10 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	28 1/2	Sears Roebuck	73 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Socomey-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Southern Pacific	9 1/2
Continental Can	37 1/2	Southern Rly \$5 pfd.	23 1/2
Continental Oil	18 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	32 1/2
Copperweld Steel	15 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	1 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	27 1/2	Standard Oil of California	19
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	34 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	17 1/2	Stone & Webster	7 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	69 1/2	Studebaker Com.	7 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	148 1/2	Swift International	18 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	9 1/2	Technicolor	9
Eaton Mfg. Co.	31 1/2	Texas Corp.	36 1/2
Elec. Autolite	30 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	36
Elec. Bond & Share	32	Timken-Axle	30 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	55 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	63	20th Cent. Fox	6 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	31	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	11 1/2
Flintkote	13 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	65
Gen. American Trans.	52 1/2	Union Pacific	80 1/2
Gen. Electric	33 1/2	United Aircraft	38
Gen. Motors	43 1/2	United Airlines Trans	13 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	13 1/2	United Corp.	1 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	27 1/2
Glidden Co.	13 1/2	United Gas Corp.	3
Goodrich (B.F.)	13 1/2	United Gas Improvement	9 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pf.	62 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	—
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18	U.S. Rubber	20 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	87
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	26 1/2	U.S. Smelting	60 1/2
Great Western Sugar	20 1/2	U.S. Steel	63 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	Vanadium	30
Hercules Powder Co.	69 1/2	Vultee Aircraft	7
Homestake Mining	49 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Int Nickel	25 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	13 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	95 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	21 1/2	Westward Iron Cor.	29 1/2
Johnsman	58 1/2	Chase National Bank	—
Kennecott Copper	33 1/2	National City Bank	—
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	36	Libby, Monell & Libby	7
Lockhead Aircraft	24 1/2		
Locust Inc.	33 1/2		

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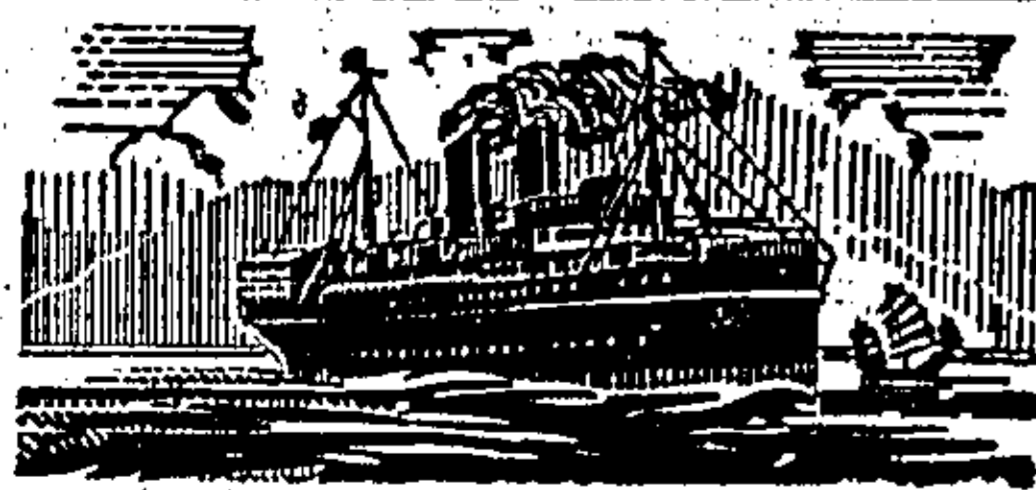
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RADIO PROGRAMMES

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TOMORROW

MOZART CONCERTO IN D MAJOR
THE "CORONATION"

Book Reviews

10.00-11.00 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from St. Joseph's Church.
12.15 p.m. William Boyce — "The Prospect Before Us" Suite (arr. Constant Lambert).
(a) The Rehearsal; (b) Fire Scene; (c) The Lawyers; (d) The Uchins; (e) Ballet Scene; (f) Street Scene; (g) Finale—Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.
12.40 Piano Recital by Ellen Joyce.

Toccata in A Major (Parades) (Bach); Prelude and Fugue in A Minor (Bach); 2nd Improvisation, Op. 31 (Gabriel Faure); Rhapsodie in C Major, Op. 11, No. 3 (Dohnanyi); Prelude in E Flat Major, Op. 23, No. 6 (Rachmaninoff); Prelude in C Minor, Op. 23, No. 7 (Rachmaninoff).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Albert Sandler and His Orchestra and Webster Booth (Tenor).
Gipsy Melody (Nelson and Knight), Soliloquy (Murray)—Albert Sandler & His Orchestra. The English Rose (from "Merrie England"); "The Fairy Song" (from "The Immortal Hour"—Boughton)—Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orchestra & "Harp acc. Trouble in Paradise (Wever and Others); Yvonne (Nicholls)—Albert Sandler & His Orchestra. She Is Far From The Land (Moore-Lambert)—Webster Booth (Tenor) with Piano acc. The Second Serenade (Honey Heykens)—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Puccini's "Madam Butterfly" Act II.

Characters and Solists in order of appearance: Cho-Cho-San—Sheridan (Soprano); Suzuki, her servant—Mannarini (Mezzo-Soprano); Sharpless, U.S. Consul—Weinberg (Baritone); Goro, marriage broker—Falala (Tenor); Sponza Yamadori—Gelli (Bass); with Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.

2.30 Close down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Selections from Light Opera. "Countess Maritima"—Selection (Kaiman)—Grand Symphony Orchestra with Vocal. "Lilac Domino"—Waltz Song; My Heart Will Be Dancing.—June Knight (Soprano) with Orchestra. "The Arcadians"—Selection (Monckton)—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. "Heart's Desire"—Vocal Gems—Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orch. and Chorus.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Mozart—Concerto in D Major ("Coronation").
1st Mov: Allegro (Cadenza by Landowska); 2nd Mov: Larghetto; 3rd Mov: Allegretto — Wanda Landowska (Piano) with Chamber Orchestra.
8.35 Mozart Songs.
"Così fan tutte"—Firm as a Rock—Ina Souez (Soprano); All Too Slowly The Hours Are Fleeting—Duet: Ina Souez and Heddie Nash with Orchestra.

8.45 Studio—Book Reviews.
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.30 A Light Orchestra and Vocal Concert.
The Great Awakening (Johnstone & Kramer)—Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Organ acc. Chanson Sans Paroles (Tchaikovsky) — London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir-Landon.

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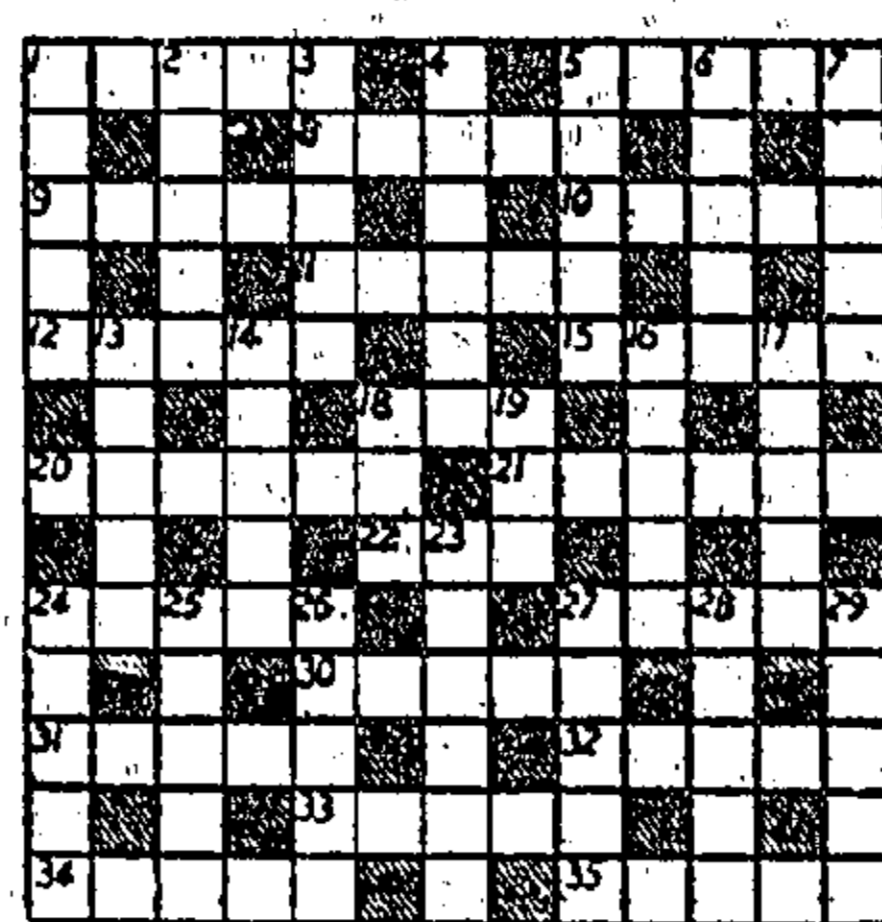
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SOLUTION MONDAY

Solution No. 825

ACROSS: 4, Corrupt; 8, Intent; 9, Certain; 11, Twelve; 14, Rat; 15, Meets; 17, Yacht; 18, Rapt; 19, Helot; 21, Seven; 25, Threw; 26, Have; 27, Clear; 28, Rider; 30, Pet; 32, Served; 33, Strewed; 34, Glance; 35, Presume.

DOWN: 1, Disturb; 2, Attempt; 3, Knave; 5, Over; 6, Rattat; 7, Plight; 10, Rayon; 12, Let; 13, Elther; 16, Sever; 20, Lewis; 21, Shrew; 22, Parvenu; 23, Meddled; 24, Ulster; 25, Tapers; 26, Her; 29, Dealt; 31, Teum.

CLIPPER DUE

Pan American Airways CHINA CLIPPER is due to arrive in Hongkong on Friday next, Feb. 14, bringing U.S. mails dated San Francisco Feb. 6 and will leave the following morning.

The CALIFORNIA CLIPPER is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on Tuesday, Feb. 18, bringing U.S. mails dated San Francisco Feb. 11 and will leave the next morning.

Ronald, Sweet and Low (Barby, arr. Forwood); A Song of Thanksgiving (Alltison)—Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Piano and Organ acc. Solemn Melody (for Organ and Orchestra) (Sir Walford Davies)—Sir Hamilton Harty cond. the Halle Orchestra with Cello Solo by Clyde Twilvetrees and Organ by Harold Dawber. She Wandered Down the Mountain Side (Clay)—The Kentucky Minstrels cond. by Leslie Woodgate with Herbert Dawson at the Organ Soloists: Gwen Cadley and John Duncan. Caprice, Op. 24, No. 3 (Sibelius); Andante Cantabile (from "Fifth Symphony"—Tchaikovsky, Op. 64, arr. Shikret)—Victor Skalyan Orchestra cond. by Nathaniel Shikret.

10.02 Vivaldi—Concerto Grosso in D Minor, Op. 3, No. 11 ("L'Estra Armónico").
1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Largo e Spiccato; 3rd Mov: "Allegro"—Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Orchestra.

10.15 Studio — Sunday Evening Epilogue.
Conducted by a Priest of the Roman Catholic Church.
10.35 Close down.

PASSENGERS

DEPARTURES FROM THE COLONY

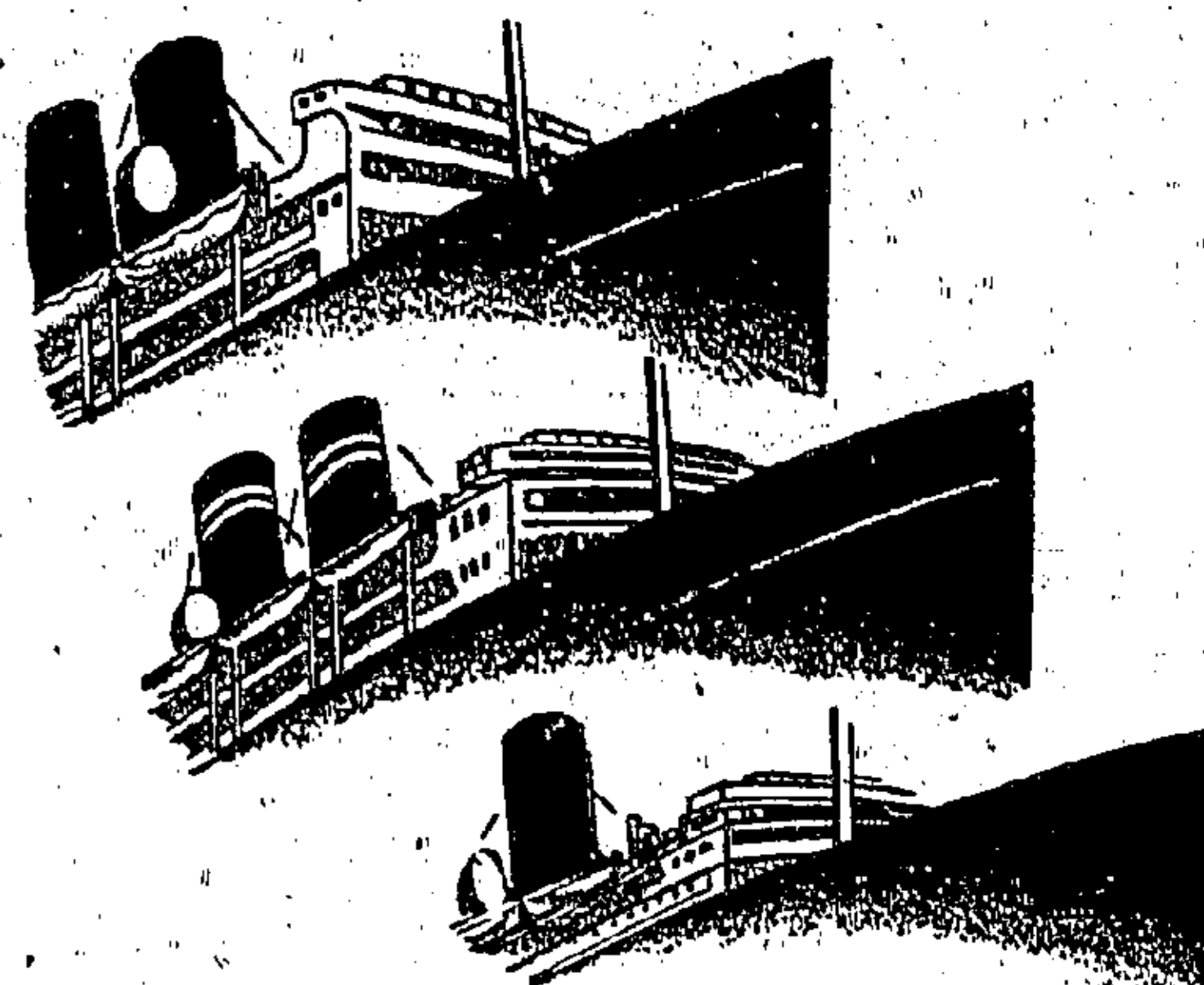
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ARRIVALS IN THE COLONY

Arrivals on Thursday from Singapore by a Dutch vessel were Mr. W. F. Pethick, Mr. M. N. Athane, Mr. A. Popple, Mr. J. B. Mackie, Mrs. D. L. Prophet, Mr. E. La Cloche, Mr. P. E. Annis, Mrs. K. H. Palmer and two children, Mr. G. Tauber, M. Quoniam de Schompre, Mrs. E. E. Haviland, Miss D. M. Bond, Mr. J. W. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Stauffacher and two children, Mr. A. A. R. de Oliveira and Mr. and Mrs. C. Batista.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24-hours ended at midnight on Feb. 6:— Small-Pox, one case; Diphtheria, three cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Measles, five cases; Dysentery, three cases; Tuberculosis, 41 cases.



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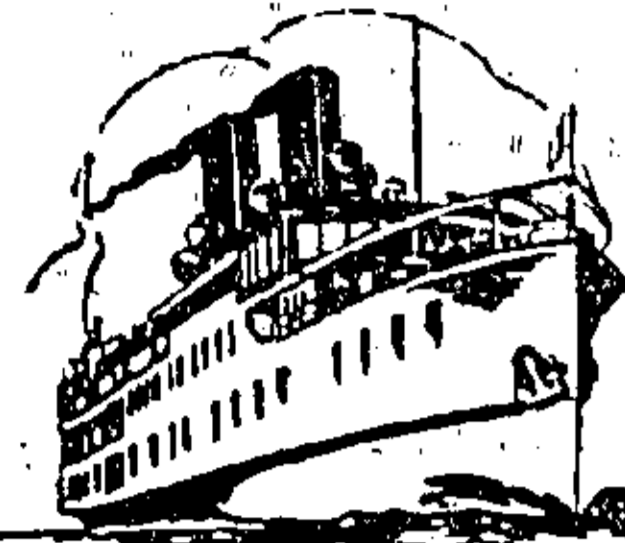
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ANNUAL RACE MEETING

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we might just as well put all we have on the Cite stable. This well known racing family have five representatives in. Beautylight, Glossylight, Lovelylight, Rosylight and Velvetlight. They all look like racers and the stable should have many successes amongst the China pony griffins. In my opinion, the two best are Velvetlight and Lovelylight and I think these two will be their Hongkong Derby representatives. The opposition and quite a strong one at that will come from Oolong and possibly Eve of Grandeur.

Others in this class that show promise are Iron Beauty, Palber, Charlesber and World Fair View. I am told that Sand Trap is a first class animal and this chestnut stallion looks all they claim of him, but unfortunately, this pony did not arrive until quite recently and it is problematical whether the connections will be able to get him into first class condition by next Saturday.

OLD PONIES

With all interest centred on the new ponies, some of our old friends have been more or less forgotten, but I can assure punters that most of them have maintained their form and will prove just as interesting. We should see some excellent racing amongst the "A" Class ponies, with added enthusiasm due to Navylight and Spiclight joining the list. Confusion Bay is as fit as of old and Burford seems to be doing a little more work than usual. O-Lan will need careful watching as I think this brown can keep up with the best of them.

Lilliber and Hillsboro Bay seem to be enjoying their work and should be near whenever started. These China ponies "B" Class events should produce some very keen racing. The "C" and "D" Class ponies are also provided for at the meeting, but I must confess that I have not paid much attention to their work until recently and cannot therefore comment intelligently as to their prospects until next week.

Amongst the old Australians, I have seen Far View back on the course and galloping well, though the pony could fill in a little yet. Sapper is his old usual self and will maintain his post of honour in the list. Springhurst seems to be in fairly good condition, while Mr. Chao is looking after Picadilly Jim well and giving this chestnut plenty of work in preparation for the meeting. Most of the old favourites will be competing but in some cases, with new jockeys, so there may be an upset or two amongst our old friends.

D. O. SOUTH

UNLICENSED HAWKER

Au Tong, charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday with hawking without a licence at Chung On St., near the Tsun Wan Market, on Feb. 6, was fined \$3.

CAUTIONED

Pleading guilty to six summonses, three for not taking out licences and three for allowing the three black chow bitches to be out without muzzles and leash, Li Choi was cautioned by Mr. Balfour.

An exhibition of calligraphy executed by a young brilliant Chinese practitioner, Mr. Wan Wing-sum is being held on the 2nd floor of St. Francis Hotel, daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. for three days as from today. The exhibition is held under the auspices of the Relief for Refugees of the Western Six District of Kwangtung Association.

According to reports from the Sheung Shui to Shataukok border posts, the Japanese landing at Shau-chung has had no re-action in the Japanese-occupied half of Shataukok.

The theft of a battery and an electric horn from his car, No. 3321, which was parked in Queen Victoria Street, was reported to the Police yesterday by Mr. Andrew Wong, of No. 36 Connaught Road Central.

A woman, Lai Hing-fong, 22, jumped from the first floor verandah of No. 20 Stanley Street yesterday in an attempt, it is alleged, to end her life. She was sent to Queen Mary Hospital.



GENERAL Smuts, Premier of South Africa, photographed after he had inspected Union troops in training in the Transvaal. With him are Capt. E. T. Dobson, O.C. of the engineers' camp the general was visiting, and on right, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Pierre van Ryneveld, Chief of the General Staff.

Fate Of French Fleet

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the NEW YORK TIMES correspondent.

If they are accepted they would make M. Laval Prime Minister with far-reaching powers leaving Marshal Petain in a position analogous to President Hindenburg's in his closing years.

The correspondent adds that there is strong suspicion in Berlin that M. Laval will not return to Vichy in any circumstances but will instead set up government in Paris.

TREND IN VICHY

The trend in Vichy, according to the same paper's correspondent there, veered last night towards collaboration with Germany.

Dealings no longer turn on whether M. Laval will return to the Petain Government, the correspondent says, but on how great his powers shall be.

M. Laval wants to be head of the government with power to appoint and dismiss Ministers and be responsible only to Marshal Petain who would be Chief of State in the manner of Presidents of the French Republic.

SURPRISE MEETING

LONDON, Feb. 7. (Reuter)—A surprise meeting of the French Cabinet was held this morning, states the Swiss Radio, just after Admiral Darlan's departure for Paris where he is to continue negotiations on the German-backed demand for M. Laval's return to the council of the French Government.

It was believed earlier that Vichy's policy and proposals had been settled at yesterday's Cabinet

meeting when Admiral Darlan reported on his first visit to Paris.

MUCH RELUCTANCE

No communique was issued after today's Cabinet meeting nor has any statement been made on Marshal Petain's subsequent talk with the United States Ambassador, Admiral Leahy, though certain observers attach significance to this, especially in view of unconfirmed reports that there is still considerable reluctance inside the Vichy Cabinet to M. Laval's return.

The Vichy correspondent of the Swiss newspaper GAZETTE DE LAUSANNE WRITES: "Marshal Petain knows that a vast majority of the French people mistrust M. Laval, regarding him as Hitler's Gangleter for France."

While nothing authentic is known of the Franco-German negotiations, the Swiss press generally expects a solution of the crisis very soon.

This view coincides with the forecast issued by the official German news agency today that "Marshal Petain will probably communicate his decision to the nation in a radio address this week-end."

COMPROMISE PLAN

LONDON, Feb. 7. (Reuter)—Hardly had Admiral Darlan left Vichy for Paris, bearing Marshal Petain's compromise plan to Herr Otto Abetz, Hitler's arbitrator with Vichy, than Admiral Leahy, America's Vichy representative, called on Marshal Petain, states the DAILY MAIL Special diplomatic correspondent.

Fanling Golf

STARTING TIMES FOR TOMORROW

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanling tomorrow are as follows:—

OLD COURSE

9.16 R. B. Ball, F. D. Hunter.
9.20 A. K. Mackenzie, D. S. Robb.
9.24 F. Groves, Col. Rose.
9.28 W. Park, J. C. Kyle.
9.32 S. H. Dodwell, I. H. Geare.
9.36 R. Young, I. W. Shevan.
9.40 H. W. Belsley, J. W. Anderson.
9.44 N. D. Lloyd, S. L. Lloyd.
9.48 H. F. Phillips, S. W. P. Perry.
9.52 T. E. and T. A. Pearce.
9.56 R. D. Walker, A. W. Bourne.
10.00 C. B. Burgess, J. A. Ritchie.
10.04 F. A. Redmond, T. Megarry.
10.08 J. D. Thomson, W. Stoker.
10.12 J. M. Thomson, R. G. Parker.
10.16 A. J. Dennis, E. G. Price.
10.20 C. M. Williams, F. A. Howard.
10.24 J. Hackney, M. G. Carruthers.
10.28 F. N. Merritt, L. R. Cramer.
10.32 R. K. M. Simpson, R. H. Chalilnor.
10.36 B. O. Baldwin, P. M. Cotton.
10.40 N. C. McLeod, A. V. Greaves.
10.44 I. H. C. Highet, A. C. Meredith.
10.48 J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison.
10.52 W. Sharp, T. Low.
10.56 J. Linaker, Col. Matthews.
11.00 Col. Macpherson, Capt. Forrester.

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9.24 W. H. E. Thomas, J. C. Taylor.
9.32 L. M. S. Lloyd, D. C. Loncraine.
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9.48 R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
10.12 J. I. C. Pearce, Capt. St. John.
10.16 F. A. M. Elliott, Capt. Thurbaby.
10.24 Miss Smalley, Miss Armstrong.
10.28 E. L. Groome, J. R. Way.
10.36 J. F. Robinson, L. A. Calcraft.
10.44 Col. Shackleton, Major Curran.

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Canton	11th Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	12th Feb.
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Canton	14th Feb.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 24th January)	14th Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	15th Feb.
Sandakan	17th Feb.
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Calcutta and Straits	18th Feb.
Sandakan	21st Feb.
Calcutta and Straits	23rd Feb.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date 7th February)	25th Feb.

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B. C.	Parcels 4.00 PM
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TUESDAY	Tue. 11th
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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco	Reg. 10th 5.00 PM
Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Ord. 11th 8.30 AM
	3.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
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Straits	Ord. 6.00 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
	7.00 PM
THURSDAY	Thu. 13th
	K.P.O.
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels 10.30 AM
	Letters 11.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
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	K.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
	G.P.O.
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Formosa	Ord. 4.30 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
	7.00 PM
MONDAY	Mon. 17th
	K.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
Shanghai and Parcels only for United-Kingdom	Ord. 7.00 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 18th
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane	Par. 17th 5.00 PM
	Reg. 17th 5.00 PM
	Ord. 18th 8.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 21st
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